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Vietnam peace pact still 'alive' says U.S.

...SHINGTON. — The State De...ment yesterday said the U.S. ...siders the 1973 Paris Peace ...eement on Indochina to be still ...e despite the massive Commun... offensive in South Vietnam.

...pokesman Robert Anderson, res...ding to questions, noted that if ...ol would abide by the terms of ... treaty there would be a better ...nce of it being implemented. As ...was speaking reports from South ...nam told of the country being ...in two by Communist forces.

...n another point, Anderson de...ed comment on reports quoting ...ident Gerald Ford as saying ... a reassessment of U.S. policies ...outheast Asia would be made. ...nderson said he was unaware of any such review. At the same time White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen explained to newsmen that Ford was talking about a reassessment that would be necessary if Cambodia and South Vietnam were taken over militarily by the Communists.

The Pentagon said yesterday it would send a marine helicopter squadron on an aircraft carrier to the western Pacific this week.

A spokesman would not say exactly where the carrier Hancock would go in the area or discuss its mission. But the vessel was apparently joining other ships already standing by should Americans have to be evacuated from Indochina.

(AP, Reuter)

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Strikers radio conditions to shore

Jerusalem Post Staff

ASHDOD. — Twenty-nine mooring men anchored outside the breakwater here in four commandeered service launches radioed to shore last night that they would negotiate with their employers, the Ashkelon-Eilat Pipeline Company, if the Seamen's Ratings' Union and not the Ashkelon Labour Council represented them in the talks.

The men set out to sea in the commandeered vessels Sunday in protest against the dismissal of 13 mooring-crew men and the transfer of five more to other jobs. The dismissals followed a drop in the volume of work.

Following the commandeering of the launches on Sunday the General-Manager of the Ashkelon-Eilat Pipeline Company, Aluf (res.) Avraham Botzer, rented a launch and brought in a tanker waiting to be moored. Port pilots at all the country's ports staged a two-hour warning strike at midday yesterday to protest Mr. Botzer's action as "illegal and contrary to maritime regulations."

Earlier yesterday, the strikers demanded that Botzer resign and that the complaints lodged against them with the police be dropped.

Later, it appears they dropped the demand that Botzer resign, and were even prepared to accept the dismissals, provided that they were represented in negotiations with the company management by Mr. Moshe Levi, of the Seamen's Ratings' Union (this union is not officially recognized by the Histadrut, and until now, the men have been officially represented by the Ashkelon Labour Council).

Police attempted to board the launches yesterday but gave up after the two officers in charge of the operation fell into the sea. They were fished out and the boarding party returned to shore, apparently convinced that they had no chance of outmanoeuvring the more experienced seamen at sea. Instead, a large force of 50 police waited for the strikers to come ashore.

President Ford puts his arm around Dr. Kissinger on Sunday night after the Secretary of State arrived at the White House to report on his unsuccessful 16-day mission to the Middle East. (AP radiophoto)

ISRAEL STILL READY FOR PACT: RABIN

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Premier Yitzhak Rabin told the Knesset yesterday Israel's readiness to conclude an interim arrangement with Egypt had not changed. Israel was also ready to work for peace at the Geneva Conference, he said in a Government statement on the suspension of the Kissinger talks for an interim arrangement in the Sinai. The statement led off a special Knesset session, called only four days after the start of the Passover recess. (full story, page 2)

Sadat seen keeping line open to U.S.

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat yesterday postponed until Thursday a scheduled nation-wide speech, indicating he had not finally slammed the door on American mediation efforts and that he was maintaining contact with Washington.

At the same time, his Foreign Minister, Ismail Fahmy, last night issued the strongest Egyptian statement to date of Cairo's support for the "Palestinian people's right to set up an independent political entity on their land and to preserve the Arab character of Jerusalem."

Fahmy's statement appeared to signal a hardening in the Egyptian stand following the collapse of Dr. Kissinger's negotiations last weekend.

Fahmy last night called for all-Arab mobilization stating that the "ruling clique" in Israel was indulging in "day dreams of racial and expansionist ambitions against the Arab nation." He was addressing the 63rd session of the 20-nation Arab League's Council of Foreign Ministers in Cairo.

Fahmy said Israel had put forward several formulas "centring around the demand for an Egyptian pledge to end the state of war," at a time Israel knew that Cairo would not make such a move. "They even went so far as to ask Egypt to refrain from joining military operations launched by another state against Israel, knowing that raising such a matter was an invitation for us to reject it," he said.

Fahmy said Egypt insisted an interim settlement be no more than a strict military move toward Israel's "complete withdrawal east of the (Gidi and the Mitla) passes and all oilfields (at Abu Rodeis)."

Egypt contended that the suspension of military and para-military operations be restricted to the duration of an agreement and linked to the condition that efforts toward a just and lasting peace be continued with Egypt maintaining the right "to protect its legitimate rights."

Egypt further demanded that Israel pledge to refrain from launching military and para-military operations against Syria, Fahmy said.

Cairo required too that the U.S. President undertake in writing to pursue a second-stage disengagement on the Syrian front.

In addition it insisted that Israel acknowledge that a just and lasting peace could be achieved only with Palestinian participation.

U.S. announces 'reassessment' in Mideast

By WOLF BLITZER, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The White House and the State Department announced yesterday that the U.S. is reassessing its policies toward the Arab-Israeli situation and all the countries in the Middle East, including Israel.

State Department spokesman Robert Anderson said this re-evaluation would affect U.S. aid to Israel, although he insisted that there would be no total cut-off of economic and military assistance.

White House spokesman Ron Nessen said the U.S. would reassess "all aspects" of U.S. policy toward Middle East countries in light of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's unsuccessful diplomatic effort at achieving another Israel-Egyptian interim agreement.

Spokesman Anderson said the issue of aid to Israel and other Middle East countries "would be an element" in the reassessment. Nessen insisted this should not be taken as a "veiled warning."

Nessen said President Ford and Secretary Kissinger had decided Sunday night, following Kissinger's return to Washington, that this re-evaluation should take place.

Israeli officials here were openly surprised by the U.S. statement.

Last Thursday, President Ford sent a message to Prime Minister Rabin's government warning that the U.S. would have to take another look at its Middle East policies if the negotiations collapsed.

Rabin and Israeli officials in Washington attempted to downplay the significance of that message, but Washington's official announcement yesterday appeared to confirm some of Israel's worst fears regarding a possible hardening in U.S.-Israel relations.

Ford and Kissinger met yesterday morning for about 80 minutes with a bipartisan delegation of Congressional leaders to brief them on the Secretary's Middle East visit. Following that meeting came the first indication of the new U.S. reassessment, when Senate majority leader Mike Mansfield said it was his understanding that there will be a re-examination of U.S. policy in the Middle East.

Mr. Anderson faced a barrage of questions on the "reassessment." Reporters were anxious that there be no misunderstanding of what the State Department was saying.

Anderson was asked whether it meant there would be a lessening of support for Israel. "I do not think this will be the case," he replied. But he added that the question of aid to Israel would be reviewed and an appropriate decision made depending on America's "overall objectives."

He said "normal Congressional procedures" would be used in determining future American assistance to Israel.

"There is nothing unusual about what I am saying," he said in response to questions by *The Jerusalem Post*.

Israel officials in Washington however, admitted that America's official statements yesterday were not "very nice." They could not speculate on the reasons for them, insisting that they were surprised.

Israel has requested some two and one-half billion dollars in economic and military grants and loans for the next fiscal year, beginning July. The administration is expected to present its foreign aid programme to Congress in the early spring, and American officials point out that the administration has not yet made a decision regarding aid to Israel.

There had long been press speculation in Washington that the U.S. would consider aid to Israel in a more favourable light following a successful Israel-Egyptian agreement.

Anderson denied yesterday that President Ford's message to Israel last Thursday was strongly-worded. However, he would not release the contents of the message.

American officials yesterday expressed hope that the negotiations could resume in the future, but it

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Kissinger: Aid won't be cut off

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Following a closed 90-minute briefing with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Kissinger told reporters that "there is no question of cutting off" aid to any country in the Middle East.

He said U.S. aid policies would be determined in relation to the overall foreign policy objective of the U.S.

"We are not engaged in any punitive action here," he said.

Kissinger spoke in response to newsmen's questions. He had been asked if the U.S. was planning to "lessen" aid to any of the countries in the Middle East. But his answer referred to a "cutoff" of aid, which implies no American aid whatsoever. He did not say whether there could be a lessening of U.S. aid to Israel or other Middle East countries under the U.S. reassessment of foreign policy, as State Department spokesman Anderson had earlier suggested.

Kissinger once again expressed disappointment in the collapse of the talks, explaining that there was now "a greater danger of war and a lesser possibility of peace."

Kissinger said the U.S. now faces a new situation of some peril in the Middle East, making a reassessment of U.S. policy inevitable. The U.S. cannot conduct foreign policy on the basis of the past, he said. But he reaffirmed that the U.S. was still committed to a just and lasting peace and that it would do its best "to determine what can best be done."

...ompromise foreign aid bill

...SHINGTON. — A compromise ...b. foreign aid appropriations containing more than $1b. for Middle East was approved by ...gress yesterday and sent to Pre...nt Ford.

...e bill passed the House by a ...ow eight-vote margin, 193 to ... and then the Senate by voice ... with only a few senators pre...

...e bill was cut $2.3b. below ad...stration requests for the fiscal ... ending June 30, the biggest ...n the history of the programme. ...rd's request for $522m. for additional military aid to Cambodia and South Vietnam was purposely left out of the regular foreign aid money bill to soften opposition. The issue is still pending in House and Senate committees.

The bill provides Israel $300m. in military aid and $324.5m. in economic aid. Egypt would receive $250m. and Jordan $77.5m. in economic aid.

The bill provides a special fund of $100m. for other Arab countries, primarily for resettling refugees in Syria. It also has $40m. to help resettle Soviet Jews in Israel.

(AP, Reuter)

Libya asks Air France men to go

...Jerusalem Post Correspondent

...IS. — Libyan Arab Airlines ...asked Air France to speed up ... departure from Libya of about ...dvisers who are training Libyan ...rews because of friction between ...isitors and the locals.

...t the 21 Air France maintan... staff who are looking after the ...an airline's fleet of Caravelles ...Boeing 727s are not affected by ... decision.

Dutch Foreign Minister to visit

Dutch Foreign Minister Max van der Stoel will pay a four-day visit to Israel, beginning on April 4, the foreign ministry announced last night.

Mr. van der Stoel announced in the Hague two weeks ago that he had postponed a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia scheduled for March 22 because the Saudi authorities refused to grant an entry visa to a Jewish Dutch journalist who wanted to accompany him.

Deputy Ministers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

...e Government last night an...ced in the Knesset two Minis... appointments.

...eikh Jaber Muadi has been ...d Deputy Minister of Agricul... Replacing him as Deputy Com...cations Minister is Eli Moyal (Alignment).

German held for Orly rocket bid

...LSRUHE, Germany (AP).— A ... German man has been seized ...r "urgent suspicion" of having ...d Arab terrorists prepare an ...mpted rocket attack on an Is... airliner at Orly Airport in Pa... January 13, the Federal Pro... or announced yesterday.

...ames Weinrich, employed by ...blishing house in Frankfurt, was ...ed in an investigation of his ...d aid to criminal conspiracy ...attack on international traffic.

Knesset solidly backs Government

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset wound up a special session on the suspension of the Kissinger talks with a demonstration of overwhelming solidarity. It backed the Government by a vote of 92 to 4, with six abstentions, on a motion sponsored by the Alignment, the NRP, the Likud, the Aguda Bloc and the ILP. The motion wound up the debate on Premier Yitzhak Rabin's statement (see page 2).

This solid support was achieved only after intensive negotiation to reach an agreed resolution. Both the Alignment and the Likud watered down their initial positions to reach a blander common denominator.

The four votes against came from the New Communists. The six abstentions came from the Citizens Rights, Moked, and Independents Binyamin Halevi and Aryeh Eliav. The two groupings each advanced their own motions without success.

The wall-to-wall motion took note of the Government statement; declared Egypt responsible for the suspension of the Kissinger effort and stressed Israel's intention to press on towards peace.

At the Alignment faction caucus in mid-afternoon, Mapam tried in vain to win permission to speak separately in the debate. Mapam's Meir Talmi said his party did not hold the Cabinet responsible for the suspension of the talks and would support the Government. But Mapam believed the Government could have taken greater risks and put forward still more proposals.

The Alignment's Abba Eban said the party's regret at the failure of the talks did not go hand in hand with the Likud's satisfaction at the suspension. "This is an artificial unity."

Later, during contacts between the factions on a motion to sum up the debate, Eban and Mapam argued against a joint motion with the Likud. Another obstacle to a joint motion was an Alignment clause approving the Government's handling of the negotiations, which Likud leader Menahem Begin refused to accept. He wanted a clause approving the Government's rejection of Egypt's demands at the end of the negotiations — but Premier Rabin would not agree to this.

At the conclusion of the Knesset plenary debate, a break was called. An attempt to draft a joint resolution failed. Separate resolutions were thereupon proposed by the Coalition, the Likud and the Aguda, in addition to the two smaller blocs. These proposals were about to come to the vote, when another break was called.

Representatives of the various factions involved huddled in the restaurant and lobbies. The dilemma was solved only when the two principals met across a table — Premier Rabin and Menahem Begin. They compromised by eliminating all substantive reference to the negotiations.

Aryeh Eliav tried in vain to speak in the debate. He protested that his former party, Labour, muzzled him by postponing his request for independent status till after the Passover recess. Thus he was not granted time yesterday. After a minor row, he was allowed to read out the motion for which he was voting, along with Halevi, Pa'il and the CRM.

Eliav fumed to pressmen about Labour's "Bolshevist" repression. He said new elections were essential so that a new Government could emerge, which would not make the mistake of dealing with Egypt outside the overall Arab context.

In a related development, Shmuel Tamir (Free Centre) demanded a top-level probe of the leak to the press on Sunday about the Ford letter to Rabin. He put forward his demand in a letter to Yitzhak Navon, chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

In the Alignment faction caucus, before his plenum statement, Premier Rabin said he would have been glad to lose some of his present public popularity by achieving a second-stage agreement. He made it clear to the faction that he would not countenance a Government of National Unity.

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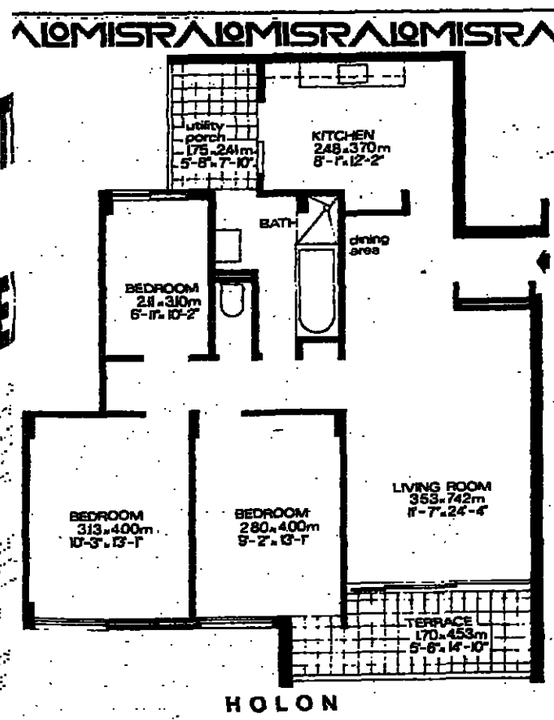

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Haifa Port	58	16—19	— 21
Tiberias	50	14—24	13—25
Nazareth	—	— —	8—18
Afula	55	14—20	8—21
Shomron	59	10—15	6—17
Tel Aviv	60	16—19	12—21
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Jericho	39	17—25	13—26
Gaza	60	13—20	12—22
Beersheba	34	11—20	9—22
Eilat	17	16—26	13—28
Tiran Straits	22	— 25	14—26

Social and Personal

The Lord Mayor of Manchester, Mr. Frederic Balcombe, was yesterday the guest of honour at a reception given by Efraim Gousman, Honorary Consul of Sweden, at his home in Tel Aviv. Among the guests were the British Ambassador and Lady Ledwidge, the Swedish Ambassador and Mrs. Sten A. Sundfeldt, and the Norwegian Ambassador and Mrs. Petter Graver.

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Archdeacon Witton-Davies of Oxford called on Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek. Also calling on the Mayor were Reverend Archimandrite Serafim, Head of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission of the Patriarchate of Moscow, and Ieromonarch Nicolai.

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Archimandrite Vasalie Costin, newly-elected Head of the Roumanian Church in Jerusalem, yesterday called on the Jerusalem District Representative, Raphael Levi.

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Mrs. Gloria Wurman, Vice President of the Ladies Chapter of Friends of Akim, Toronto, yesterday toured the Akim institutions in the Tel Aviv area and presented the association with a generous donation.

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Mr. George Lillywhite O.B.E., who has been the managing director of ICI (Israel) Ltd. since 1965, will be relinquishing his position on March 31, on retirement to the U.K. His place is being taken by Mr. W.H.M. Ayers M.A. (Oxon), who has been the commercial director of the company for some years.

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A library, the donation of the Hillel Jacobson Family, has been established in the Cancer Department, Tel Hashomer Hospital, in memory of the late Mrs. Dora Jacobson.

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Mr. Bernard Katzen, in Israel for a meeting of the Executive Council of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, yesterday visited the Israel Museum to discuss a special project of the Association for the museum.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Reuven Eiland, Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture, after a two-week trip on Ministry business to several West European countries (by El Al).

DEPARTURES

Mrs. Raya Jaglom, President of World Wizo, to Geneva.

Special Knesset debate on Kissinger mission

Rabin: Israel strong and ready

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Prime Minister Rabin said yesterday that exorbitant Egyptian demands caused the suspension of the negotiations conducted through Dr. Kissinger.

Addressing a special Knesset session, Mr. Rabin said that Cairo's demands were aimed at expediting Egyptian military deployment and posed unjustifiable risks without bringing peace any closer.

Israel had taken risks, he said, but Egypt did not respond to its initiative. The Egyptian Government bore a very heavy responsibility for the present situation.

He listed the various proposals made by Israel for a limited arrangement, after Egypt had refused to commit itself to non-belligerency, but said that the reply to all these proposals was either negative or inadequate.

The Premier devoted a considerable part of his statement to Israel-U.S., relations in the new circumstances. He believed that these relations would not be disturbed by a difference of views. Israel listened closely to U.S. views and U.S. advice since these were at the crux of its own political thinking. However, on questions which decided its fate, it was Israel which had to take the decisions on the strength of its own sober and independent judgement.

Rabin expressed especially warm praise for Dr. Kissinger's efforts. He hoped, despite the suspension, that Dr. Kissinger would still play an important role in bringing the region nearer to peace.

Although the situation was grave now, said Mr. Rabin, war was not inevitable. Resort to force in any case was not likely to further a solution.

"Arab war threats will avail them nothing," he said. "It is futile for them to try and intimidate us. Israel is strong, well-prepared, and alert to dangers."

He closed with the assurance that the Jewish people would reveal its unique unity at such a time.

Likud leader Menahem Begin opened the debate, which took the form of statements by one representative of each faction. He said that if negotiations should resume, Rabin would not be obliged under international law, to offer the same proposals once again.

The enemy sought to transform Israel into a new style Phnom-Penh in which the whole of the country, at the 1967 lines, would lie within range of its guns.

He called on U.S. President Gerald Ford, not to emulate other politicians who dropped their long-standing friendship for Israel once they reached high office.

Communism was making steady inroads by subterfuge, he said, under the cloak of detente. Israel was a loyal ally of the U.S. and all the free world.

He appealed for national solidarity and pleaded with Premier Rabin to permit free settlement in Judea and Samaria.

Yitzhak Navon (Alignment) said it was time the world understood that Arab leaders' statements to their own people were the significant ones, not statements to foreigners. Had Sadat renounced belligerency, he would have planted a new seed of mutual confidence in the Middle East.

Navon rebuked critics of Dr. Kissinger, saying that differences of opinion did not rule out genuine friendship. "They are not all Kreisky," he said. Now that the peace plans would have to be prepared for Geneva, he said, the clash of opinion within most parties would sharpen.

Other factions made the following points:

- Now is the time to form a government of National Unity. This would make it plain to friends and foes alike, where we stand. The Jewish people would give still greater aid if we had a broad coalition to lead us (Zevulun Hammer — NRP).
- Rabbi Menahem Porush (Aguda-Tora Front), quoted the Scriptures. He recalled that Pharoah, by his inflexible posture had only made things worse for himself and his people. Rabbi Porush drew the analogy to present day Arab leaders who refuse to recognize Israel's right to exist.
- Meyer Meir Wilner (New Communists) said Dr. Kissinger's failure to bring the opposing views together reflected the failure of the American policy of peace by steps. "This proves that the New Communist Party of Israel was right in warning repeatedly that dependence on the U.S.... could be disastrous."
- The Independent Liberals' Yehuda Sha'ari said the Government's stand had "lifted people's morale and proved to the Arabs and to the rest of the world that we are prepared to make concessions — many concessions — but not without something in return."
- Shulamit Aloni (Civil Rights Movement) warned Premier Rabin not to be overly impressed by the wide-ranging statements of support he has been getting since the breaking off of the talks — "from Herut all the way to Golda Meir." She also asked Mr. Rabin why he failed to mention the "other Arab states with which we are confronted, besides Egypt" in his statement.
- According to Moked's Meir Pail, "It is just too hard to free oneself of the impression that neither Egypt nor Israel has shown readiness to reach a general settlement. Egypt has not said clearly it would sign a peace treaty with Israel and agree to a demilitarized Sinai. Israel, for its part, has not stated clearly it is prepared to give up Sinai.
- Binyamin Halevi (Independent) called the suspension of the Kissinger mission a "severe blow to Israel, which makes peace more remote and war closer... an event which has strengthened Soviet influence in the Middle East while weakening the American influence there." Mr. Halevi who recently broke away from the Likud faction, called on the Government to strive harder to implement UN Security Council Resolution 338, and to work towards "co-existence between the Israeli people and the Palestinian people within the historic boundaries of Eretz Yisrael, on both sides of the Jordan River."

MAVERICK MK'S — Shulamit Aloni, the former Labour MK won her present seat on her own Civil Right list in the last elections, flanked by the two latest "mavericks" in the Knesset — Dr. Binyamin Halevi (left), who left the Likud in January this year and later formed his own one-man faction, and Lyova Eliav, right, who announced on Sunday that he is leaving the Labour Party to form his own one-man faction. They were photographed the Knesset yesterday. (Weiss)

T.A. needs IL174m.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The City Council yesterday approved a IL760m. operational budget for the 1975/76 fiscal year. The budget includes a deficit of IL174m.

The budget was carried with the votes of the 19 coalition members, with the Labour Alignment opposition casting 11 nay votes.

The opposition charged that the current administration has no long-term plans for running the city and lacked any vision. Opposition leader Eliyahu Speizer alluded to Mayor Shlomo Lahat's use of detectives to watch moonlighting employees and said in some cases he would not rule out the practice, as long as it is approved by a workers' committee. The mayor however, he charged, is out to wreck the workers' union.

Mayor Lahat revealed to the council that the city has yet to see IL25m. which the Government owes it for the 1974/75 fiscal year which ends on March 31.

Reward promised for 'good citizen' youngsters

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — Three youngsters, ages 8 to 11, from the Vav Quarter here, have been recommended for good citizenship citations for turning over to police the "wad of money" — IL10,000 — they found while playing on Sunday.

The youngsters have also been promised a IL600 reward from the Jewish tourist from Persia who lost the money.

The youngsters found the money, wrapped with a rubber band, in the grass courtyard of an apartment in the Vav Quarter. Without unwrapping it, they took the money to the police, and stood wide-eyed as police counted out 100 "Herzelim" (IL100 notes).

No one claimed the money on Sunday, but the very pale and excited tourist came yesterday morning with the following tale of woe: He was living with relatives in Ashdod and kept the money hidden inside the blanket in his bed. He did not tell his relatives about the money. He left town and was shocked on his return to see that his room had been cleaned and his bed made. His relative did not know what happened to the money. It turned out that when the relative "aired out" his blanket, she had also "aired out" the money.

Mapam has 'new thoughts' on Kissinger mission

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party Central Committee has been called for this evening to hear a report on the political situation by Premier Yitzhak Rabin. The party is expected to support the Government's latest moves and thereby strengthen the Prime Minister's position.

Echoes are expected to be heard at the meeting of the renewed demand for a national coalition and of the criticism of Mapam for its reservations on Government policies. Haifa Mayor Yosef Almogi has come out again with his long-standing demand for a wall-to-wall coalition, but to judge by initial reactions it is doubtful whether the Haifa branch leader will gain much support in the party.

Leading personalities in the Labour Party expressed their irritation at Mapam's "second thoughts" about the Kissinger mission, spelled out so vociferously by Mapam Secretary-General Meir Talmi at the Knesset caucus. Talmi spoke of his party's dissatisfaction with the way the talks had been suspended.

Mapam's political secretary, Naftali Feder, told this reporter yesterday that his party was seeking an urgent meeting with the Prime Minister. It wanted more consultation in the Labour Party on policy-making.

Mapam, Mr. Feder said, now felt that "something could have been done to save the Kissinger mission."

Saying that "Mapam again wants the best of both worlds," Labour Party sources yesterday suggested that Mr. Talmi and Mr. Feder may now be seeking to mollify their strong leftist minority.

U.S. announces

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was apparent that the U.S. considered a reconvening of the Geneva peace talks as the most inevitable next step.

Anderson said the U.S. has never opposed a resumption of the Geneva conference and he indicated that it would not oppose a new session if the parties asked for it.

He referred to a statement Saturday by Egyptian Foreign Minister Fahmy noting that Egypt would soon ask the co-chairmen of the conference — the U.S. and the USSR — to reconvene the conference. But Anderson said the U.S. has not yet received any communication from Egypt.

Following their meeting with the President and the Secretary, the congressmen unanimously praised Kissinger's efforts in the Middle East. The Senate yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing the administration's Middle East policies, and urging the Secretary to continue his efforts.

The Secretary was warmly applauded during the congressional meeting, which took place at the White House.

"I have never seen a more unified, bipartisan, responsible approach than that we saw this morning," said Sen. Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, the minority leader.

House minority leader John Rhodes said there was "no feeling of despair" and "no feeling that war (in the Middle East) is imminent." He said, however, that there was "great concern."

Scott said they did not want to assess blame for collapse of the talks.

"The Secretary was not to blame." said Mansfield. He said Kissinger's efforts came "pretty close, but not close enough."

Rhodes said the "sticking point" had been Israel's demand for nonbelligerency status, which Egypt was not prepared to give. He said Egypt had promised to "forswear hostilities during the term of the agreements," but Israel wanted nonbelligerency in exchange for the passes and the oilfields.

Man who helped Anne Frank honoured

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mr. Victor Kugler, who as Mr. Kraler played a key role in the book "Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl," was yesterday awarded the Tel Aviv City Medallion by Mayor Shlomo Lahat.

Mr. Kugler, 75, and his wife Lucie, are here on a two-week visit and Mr. Kugler was earlier honoured at a ceremony at Yad Vashem, where a tree in his name was planted in the Avenue of The Righteous Gentiles.

In her diary Anne Frank changed Mr. Kugler's name to that of Kraler, to protect him from the Gestapo.

After the German invasion of Holland, Kugler, who had been associated with Anne's father in his spice business, prepared a hiding place for the family in the loft of an old building at 263 Prinsengracht in Amsterdam. In July 1942, when the Germans started rounding up Jews for deportation, the Frank family, with their daughters Margot and Anne, moved into the hideout. With them were dentist Dussel and his wife and the van Daan couple with their son Peter.

Mr. Kugler-Kraler and other courageous Dutchmen supplied the fugitives with food for two years, until the fateful day in August 1944, when the Gestapo broke into the hideout.

Anne and all the others perished in one of the extermination camps and only her father survived.

Anne's diary was later found. Published in 1959 it became a best-seller and was also made into a film.

In an exclusive interview in Jerusalem last week, Mrs. Kugler told The Jerusalem Post that "my husband never thought he did anything special by risking his life to help the hidden Jews."

A native of Hohenelbe in Austria, Mr. Kugler and his family later moved to Germany. At the age of 20 he settled in Holland, where he became a citizen. With the arrest of the Franks and the other hidden Jews in 1944, Mr. Kugler was taken to Amersfoot concentration camp in Holland, his wife related. After ten months he and a group of other prisoners were about to be taken to a camp inside Germany. On the way the group was attacked by British Spitfires and in the confusion Mr. Kugler escaped. He returned to his home town of Hilversum, where he hid till the end of the war.

After Holland lost its Indonesian colonies Mr. Kugler's spice business declined and in 1955 he decided to emigrate to Canada. Settling in Toronto he worked in the insurance business, from which he is now retired. "My husband did not speak about his war-time experiences for many years, but during the last ten years he has sometimes given lectures on the subject in schools," Mrs. Kugler said. Mr. Kugler is still in touch with Miep, Elli and some of the other Dutchmen who helped Anne and her family. Asked about her husband's attitude towards the Germans, Mrs. Kugler said "he thinks it is wrong to hate people."

The Kuglers are still in touch with Anne's father Otto, now 85, who lives in Switzerland. It was at Mr. Frank's suggestion that Yad Vashem decided to award Mr. Kugler its Medal of Honour in 1973. The Kuglers had wanted to visit Israel for many years. Their present trip was made possible by a group of Torontonians associated with the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute.

Mr. Victor Kugler, the "Mr. Kraler" of "The Diary of Anne Frank," receiving the Tel Aviv Medallion from Mayor Shlomo Lahat in his office yesterday. Mr. Kugler's wife Lucie looks on. (IPPA)

Pay bonus for postal workers

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Thousands of Communications Ministry personnel — postal workers and many Ministry administrative officials — will soon be getting a regular three to 12 per cent pay bonus, following recommendations just put toward by a joint Government-Histadrut committee.

The payments are designed to compensate the workers for using a language in addition to Hebrew in their everyday work, for having frequently to face a hostile public, for having to work without enough staff, and because of "general work pressure."

The pay bonuses will satisfy the workers' "specific demands" — demands which, according to Civil Service rules, Government employees may introduce even after a work agreement has been signed.

Knesset Member Eli Moyal (Alignment), chairman of the joint committee, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that "the extra pay demand was raised by postal workers all over the country, and by Jerusalem-based administrative personnel, way back in 1972. The then Minister of Communications, Shimon Peres, asked them to hold back because of the financial situation, and they agreed.

"But later, in 1973, the income tax and customs workers were a w a r d e d their "embarrassment bonus," for having to face a 'shameful existence' because of their unpleasant task of collecting money from citizens. This naturally led the Communications Ministry employees to re-introduce their demands.

"So last September, Prime Minister Rabin, in his capacity as Communications Minister, asked me to head a committee of three to recommend a solution. The other members were David Ayalon, secretary of the Jerusalem Labour Council, (for the Histadrut), and Baruch Haklai, a deputy director-general of the Labour Ministry (for the Government)."

Mr. Moyal was a member of the Histadrut's Central Committee from 1966 until last year, when he entered the House.

He told *The Post* that the bonus payments his committee recommended were "up to" 12 per cent, and that the average would probably be 6 per cent.

He said the new increments would appear on the workers' pay cheques as soon as the new Communications Minister — Aharon Uzzan — decided on a date. One Ministry official told *The Post* that "there is talk of making it retroactive to April 1, 1974."

Asked why the benefit was granted only to administrative workers in Jerusalem and not elsewhere, Mr. Moyal replied, "they were the ones who asked for it."

EGGED TO HOLD ELECTIONS SOON

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The chief body of the Egged Cooperative decided yesterday to hold early internal general elections in the cooperative on May 13, instead of the beginning of next year.

The meeting yesterday was held after several hundred members last week held a three-day wildcat strike demanding that the cooperative secretariat resign and new elections be held. A compromise was reached last week after District Court Judge Shlomo Lowenberg proposed elections be held on May 13.

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Ben Matityahu
from Koblen

His coffin will be flown to Israel from Chattanooga, Tenn., U.S.A., and the funeral will take place at the Old Cemetery in Haifa, on March 26, 1975 (Nisan 14, 5735) at 10 a.m.

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Father h... in killi... of son

BETHLEHEM. — A local man was fatally s... on Sunday night, and ... holding his father on s... murder.

A police patrol came ... man, Sabri Hanna, sta... the square outside the ... the Nativity here. As ... patrol approached him, ... the ground. He was bl... fusely from what appea... knife wound, and an ... was called.

Although he died be... ing hospital, Hanna is a... told police who accompa... the ambulance that he ... wounded during an arg... his father. A special ... team led by Judea Dis... Commander, Sgan-Nit... Shaltiel, immediately ... search for the father, ... him outside a restaur... town. He was found to ... and was treated at hos... being taken into custod... tioning.

The initial investigat... ported to have reveale... father had been on bad ... his son for several ... parently because of a d... money. On Sunday n... Hanna allegedly went ... father and struck him ... head with a stick. It wa... the father is alleged to ... a knife and stabbed his ...

The investigation is ... ducted in conjunction w... prosecutor, as required ... ian law.

New mark... Haifa for P...

Jerusalem Post Rep...

HAIFA. — A new mar... pin Road has been ope... Haifa Economic Corpora... for Pessah shopping by ... the Ramot Ben-Gurion, ... Neve Sha'anan quarters ...

The 50 stalls, which ... and vegetables and othe... needs, are located tempo... parking lot next to the ... tre now under construc... The market will be op... days a week after Pe... Nitzan, corporation ma... yesterday, although he d... which days.

The City yesterday ... projected underground ... commercial and enterta... tre beneath Gan Benyam... City Theatre. The two-fl... have space for 275 car... floor doubling for a publ...

Football Assoc... doubles penal...

Jerusalem Post Rep...

The Israel Football ... yesterday decided to ... penalties and fines for m... in local football games ... sion, to go into effect o... follows recent threats a... on the playing fields.

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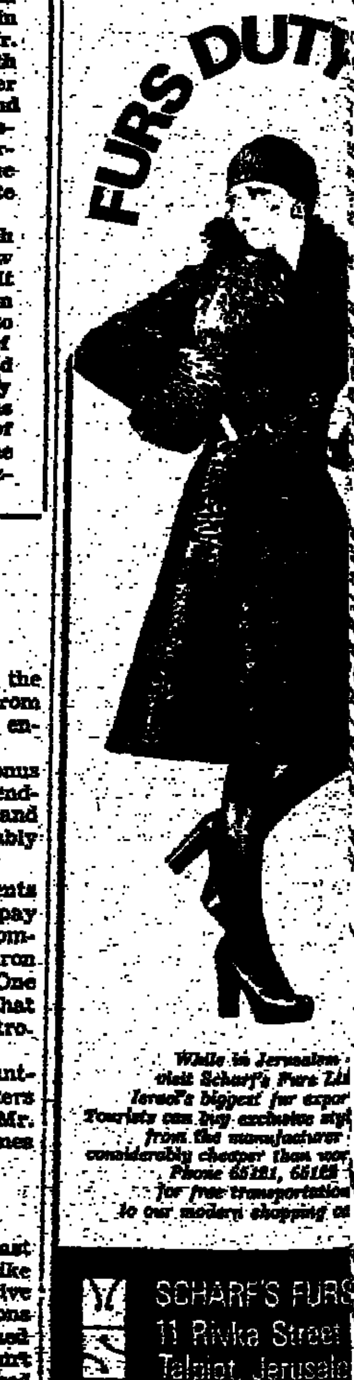

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Russian, Syrian Jews remembered as nation prepares for Passover

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Leaning back around tables ...en with matza, delicacies and ...pe, Jews throughout the world ...l tomorrow night celebrate ... Passover redemption from ...very under the Egyptian ...aroahs.

Chief Rabbi Goren, empowered by ... Finance Minister, will sell the ...te's *hametz* to a Druse soldier ...orrow.

After sunset today, heads of ...seholds will search from floor to ...ing, traditionally with the help ...a candle and feather, for any ...dual leaven, proscribed for the ...ival. Traditional homes are so ...less by then that small bits ...bread are scattered around so ...t the blessing will not be for ...ght. The search is preceded by ...y days of meticulous scrubbing ...hanging everyday dishes for those ...gnated for Pessah and even ...ing pockets inside out to re-...ve a forgotten piece of candy ...ther *hametz*.

...metz may be eaten until 9.11 ...orrow morning.

...omen should take care to watch ...r step and their children during ...e cleaning operations. Hospital ...rgency rooms report an above-...age number of cases of dis-...tions from slipping on wet ...s and falling from ladders, as ... as poisoning by cleaning fluids ... kept out of children's reach.

...addition to the *mitzva* of pre-...g the home for Passover, the ... calls on every Jew to give cha-... *(moat hittim)* to enable the ...est of his *fellows*, according to ...na Pesachim, to recline as a ...e of freedom and drink no less ... four cups of wine. In addition, ...abbis urge everyone to remove ...leaven, not only from his home, ...rom his soul, and refresh himself ...ually for the year ahead.

...e Meteorological Service pre-... that Passover Eve will be ...y cloudy, and Thursday will ... almost clear skies and rising temperatures, with no rains to dampen holiday strolling.

Holiday packages have been sent to Russian Jews in Vienna by the Jewish Agency's aliya department. The plight of those still imprisoned in the Soviet Union and in Syria will be remembered in Israel. At the request of Maoz, the Association for the Liberation of Soviet Jews, every Jewish family is asked to leave one chair empty in solidarity with the cause.

A large number of worshippers are expected at the Western Wall during Pessah, one of the three pilgrimage festivals, and the Religious Affairs Ministry has made preparations. The Union of Israel Synagogues has warned all its members to be especially alert for suspicious objects left on the premises during the holiday. Security will be tight, and armed guards will keep watch.

Matza bakers report that sales are the same as last year, despite a 60 per cent rise in price to about IL6.50 for a 2.2 kilo package. *Sederim* in hotels tomorrow night (and on Thursday night as well for non-Israelis) have risen in price from 15 to about 40 per cent.

Unlike previous years, there will be no central IDF *seder;* large scale celebrations at several army bases, attended by Defence Minister Shimon Peres, Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Mordechai Gur and others, will take its place. Special transport arrangements will enable soldiers on leave to get home on time. Some units have invited members of bereaved families to participate in their *seder*. Soldiers who have no family in Israel have been sent gift packages by the Soldiers' Welfare Association.

Every railroad passenger car that is fit to travel will be used for pre-Pessah travellers.

Sederim organized by the Jewish Agency and the Absorption Ministry will provide spiritual and culinary nourishment for thousands of new immigrants throughout the country. The Agency promises a present to each immigrant child who steals the *afikoman* at the *seder* at his absorption centre. *Haggadot* in Russian, English, Rumanian, French and Spanish will be distributed. Some 600 olim have been invited to a Pessah party on Sunday, along with Mrs. Leah Rabin, by the Zionist Council in Israel. A "Second Exodus from Egypt" will be launched by Russian immigrant students of the Hebrew University in an excursion through Sinai.

The holiday began early at the Mevasseret Zion Absorption Centre outside Jerusalem with a visit yesterday by President Ephraim Katzir. Answering questions posed to him in Russian, Yiddish and Hebrew, Prof. Katzir recalled his difficulties when he immigrated from Kiev at the age of six. "But we all have a chance to build a society that is an example to the world. The Jewish People are an amazing nation and if they want something, they can achieve it."

In his Pessah message to the nation, Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef said that Israel must not become discouraged by the economic and security problems facing us, but rather become strong by keeping the commandments connected with the holiday.

The Jerusalem Municipality, in cooperation with the Religious Affairs Ministry and the Religious Council, has organized a *seder* for the lonely, the poor and the elderly at a reduced price.

The capital's Israel and Rockefeller Museums will be open free to all comers on Sunday. (On April 1, the price of an individual ticket will rise to IL6 from IL4, and family membership for a year to IL50.)

Patients at Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital will not miss out on the mitzva of searching for *hametz* and will hear the blessing of the hospital rabbi by loudspeaker. The eldest-born men will be able to hear a lesson in Mishne for the traditional *siyum* through earphones connected near every bed.

...earch for hametz. (IPPA)

Some of the 140 nurses on strike at the Beit Levinstein hospital in protest at violence by disabled soldiers. (IPPA)

Minimum service only at 'terror hospital'

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

RA'ANANA. — The strike of 140 nurses, who are protesting against a "reign of terror" by several disabled soldiers, yesterday entered its second day at the Beit Levinstein (rehabilitation) hospital. A spokesman for the strikers said it would continue until the Ministry of Defence made proper arrangements to remove the "two or three ringleaders."

The nurses are providing only minimal service to the 250 patients at present.

The ministry, the spokesman said, had announced that "it is dealing with the matter, but so far has not informed the hospital what steps it intends to take."

The hospital spokesman said that it was not certain that quiet would return to the hospital even if the ringleaders were removed, because some of the remaining soldiers (there are about 40 in the hospital) were not acting properly, even if they were not running "amok and threatening the staff and smashing furniture" like the ringleaders.

The Ra'anana Labour Council has approved the strike.

Haifa hospitals expand services

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The city's hospitals here plan to open new departments early next month — a nephrology department at Rothschild Hospital and an oncological one, treating cancer patients, at Rambam Hospital.

Simultaneous dialysis for three kidney patients will be provided in Rothschild's new department and once the equipment is run in, a second shift may be introduced, hospital director Dov Golan has announced.

The opening of the fully equipped oncological department at Rambam Hospital has been delayed by the refusal of staff to put it into operation, as long, they say, as other departments are understaffed. But the Knesset Finance Committee is expected tomorrow to approve funds for another 70 workers, and the cancer department is set to be opened after the Pessah holiday.

IL800m. housing plan for Israel's Arabs, Druse and Beduin

TEL AVIV. — The socio-economic gap between Jews and Arabs will be closed within a decade, even before that between Israel's Oriental and Western Jewish communities — The Prime Minister's Arab Affairs Adviser, Shmuel Toledano, said on Sunday.

Speaking at an Arab-Jewish symposium held at the Hilton Hotel here, Mr. Toledano said the gap between Jews and Arabs is closing rapidly, and the Government will shortly be asked to approve an IL800m. five-year plan aimed at solving the housing problems of the country's minority communities.

Some 50 per cent of this sum will be spent on housing for Druse, Beduin and Circassians, primarily those who have completed their army service, and the rest for Arab citizens, Mr. Toledano said yesterday, clarifying his remarks of the previous evening. He also said that 60 per cent of the amount would be in the form of loans, noting that the IL800m. figure represented about 10 per cent of the over-all five-year plan.

Referring on Sunday to the controversy over some two million dunams of land claimed by the Beduin in the Negev, Mr. Toledano said that a "fair and flexible" solution will be proposed shortly. He gave no details other than that the project will cost the State some IL400m. and will involve some kind of compromise with the Beduin concerning ownership of the disputed land.

Mr. Toledano had nothing but praise for the country's 400,000 Arab citizens, noting the great courage they had shown in withstanding the political pressures and hostile propaganda they had been subjected to. He strongly denied a claim made by Likud MK Amnon Linn in Haifa last week that Jewish-Arab relations in Israel are "on the point of conflagration," and that Mr. Toledano is to blame for this. The speaker put the remark down to "personal differences" between himself and Mr. Linn.

Asked why Arabs are not represented on Israeli missions abroad, Mr. Toledano replied that the logic behind this is the same as that absolving the country's Arab citizens from military service. It would be difficult to ask an Arab to fight for Israel abroad, even if the weapons used are only words, Mr. Toledano said. He added, however, that Arabs are included in various delegations sent abroad by the different Ministries. *(Itim.)*

Full house as Capital's theatre opens season

Jerusalem Post Reporter

It was a full house three times over at the Jerusalem Theatre yesterday as 2,500 adults and children turned up for a free happening aimed at introducing the Spring series of events at the theatre.

After a brief welcome by Mayor Teddy Kollek on the plaza in front of the theatre, the police band opened proceedings with an outdoor concert in brisk weather. In the corridors inside the building, the crowd was able to sample performances from the Khan satirical theatre, participate with actors presenting an except from "Servants of Two Masters," and witness a performance for children by the Gypsies, a mixed Arab-Jewish group.

Inside the theatre itself there were performances by the Jerusalem Youth Band and dance groups.

There will be 80 performances during the two month Spring Festival at the theatre, 30 of them from abroad. Among the performers will be the Royal Shakespeare Company and Arthur Rubinstein. Events include an evening on Jerusalem in Medieval Poetry, opera, cabaret-style satire and world premieres by the Bat-Dor and Bat-Sheva dance companies. There will be theatrical performances in five languages — Hebrew, Arabic, English, Yiddish and sign language, the latter presented by the Demama Group of the Deaf.

...ewer tourists, more Israelis in hotels

Jerusalem Post Travel Correspondent

...vy bookings by Israelis for Passover week have assured a high ...f hotel occupancy not only in popular resorts, such as Eilat and ...las, but also in the three major cities.

The Director-General of the Ministry for Tourism, Hanoch Givton, yesterday said that the drop in the number of Israelis going abroad for the holiday has to a large extent offset the effect of the diminished flow of foreign tourists.

Addressing tourism and travel correspondents in Tel Aviv yesterday, Mr. Givton said that the number of visitors so far this year, up to midnight Saturday, totalled 88,242 — a 17 per cent drop compared with the same period last year. The drop would be over 25 per cent, he added, if the figures are adjusted to include arrivals in the week before Passover — which last year was celebrated in April.

On the brighter side, neither hotels nor travel agents have reported more than the usual percentage of cancellations after the terrorist outrage at the Savoy Hotel.

Returning to hotel occupancy figures for Passover, Mr. Givton said that Jerusalem, with an average expected occupancy of some 88 per cent, was near the top of the list, according to a survey conducted of 22 hotels in both parts of the capital. Seventeen of the hotels were booked solid.

Only Eilat, which raised a "standing room only" pennant two weeks ago, was reported doing better.

In Upper Galilee, Tiberias hotels will be 85 per cent bookings, partly due to the popularity of the Mount Hermon ski camp. Pre-Passover bookings in Safad, on the other hand, were lighter than usual, due probably to the recent cold weather.

...urvey proposes ...harter flights'

...alem Post Travel Correspondent

... director-general of the Minis-...r Tourism, Hanoch Givton, ... surprise among travel and ...n correspondents in Tel Aviv ...day when he said he was not ...osition to disclose the recom-...ation of a survey, ordered by ...inistry, of Israel's civil avia-... policy.

... survey, prepared by the U.S. ... of consultants, Dixon and ... is understood unreservedly to ...mend the introduction of char-...ths, vigorously opposed in the ...y El Al and the Transport ...y. Unconfirmed "leaks" in-... that the survey shows charter ...could be up to 60 per cent ...than the cheaper group fare ...and result in a 30 per cent ...in tourism.

...Givton said it had been agreed ... Tourism and Transport Min-... that details of the report ... not be made public pending ...by the Ministers concerned. ...e assured newsmen that the ...y had every intention of ...the contents public shortly.

...alden" association of real ... brokerage firms has agreed ...ing Minister Avraham Ofer's ... that it give discounts to ...entitled to housing from the ...y, the Ministry spokesman ...ced Sunday.

Fence-maker held in swindle

TEL AVIV. — A fence manufacturer suspected of swindling the Defence Ministry and bribing one of its clerks was remanded in custody for four days in the Magistrate's Court here.

Shalom Halevi, director of the Hamegader Company, was arrested last Friday on suspicion of shortchanging the Ministry on equipment worth tens of millions of pounds. The goods included bladed "concertina" wire used in security fences. Police alleged that Halevi had bribed a Defence Ministry employee with a gift of a used Volkswagen, and that one of his workers had bribed a Customs agent.

The suspect claimed police had promised him immunity in return for the names of those he had bribed in the Defence Ministry. *(Itim.)*

Suicide bid over bad school marks

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A 12-year-old boy who was unhappy about the marks he got in school attempted suicide this week by shooting himself in the stomach with his father's pellet gun. He was operated upon at the Rambam Hospital and is now out danger.

JNF gives priority to Galilee

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jewish National Fund budget for the coming fiscal year gives priority to development of the Galilee for further settlement with Jerusalem receiving second priority.

Fifty-six per cent of the JNF's IL219m. budget will be spent within the green line and 44 per cent across it, the reverse of the percentages for last year. Twenty thousand dunams of forest were planted this year, half in the north and half in the south.

Hospital X-ray wing dedicated in Gaza

BEERSHEBA. — A new X-ray wing and equipment, which together represent a IL1m. investment by the Health Ministry, were dedicated on Sunday at Gaza's Shifah Hospital. The opening was attended by Yosef Maimon, Military Governor of the Gaza Strip, Dr. Shimon Cohen on behalf of the Ministry, and the hospital's Chief Physician, Khairy Abu Ramadan.

Deficit of IL100m. for Haifa

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The City Council yesterday passed a IL402m. budget proposal for 1975/76 by a unanimous vote of the 19 members present (out of 25). The budget foresees a deficit of nearly IL100m., which the municipality expects to cover by consolidation loans and by grants from the government.

Like Deputy Mayor Yeruham Zeisel in his budget speech last week, Mayor Almogi yesterday expressed the hope that the Finance Ministry and the local authorities would reach agreement on proper financing in the coming year and end a situation in which it remained obscure "who is paying for what."

Mayor Almogi said that city services would be preserved. More manpower was needed in the building departments that residents should not have to wait for months for answers.

The city would also have to prepare detailed economic projects to offer to potential investors.

Despite the steep decline in the number of tourists the city would continue to invest money to encourage domestic and foreign tourism.

A total of IL60m. will be spent on education. Under existing agreements IL4m. is allocated to the Haifa University, and IL1.4m. to the Technion Medical School.

A world bank loan is financing the expansion of the sewage purification plant and collection system.

A total of IL20m. is to be spent on 39 public shelters already in construction. More playgrounds are being built.

IL17.4m. is earmarked for culture, youth and sports, and IL30m. for social welfare. An ecology unit has been set up.

No suspension of pupils over fees

Jerusalem Post Reporter

High school pupils must under no circumstances be sent home during school hours because their parents have not paid tuition fees. This was stated on Sunday by Eliezer Shmueli, deputy director-general of the Education Ministry, in a directive to principals aimed at saving pupils from embarrassment.

Principals are to report parents who have not paid their fees to the graded fees department in the Ministry, which will re-check the parents' ability to pay. If it is found that parents do not pay, even though they are able to, the principal will then be permitted to withhold from the pupils trimester or final marks or to prevent him from returning to school for the next trimester or school year.

The Knesset Education Committee on Sunday discussed the possibility of asking the National Insurance Institute to pay directly for the school lunches of certain pupils, and deducting the amount from the children's allowance sent to the parents. The Committee was concerned about the quality and quantity of the food served to school children and about the number of children for whom lunches are no longer available.

T.A. University prepares if budget can't be met

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The board of governors of Tel Aviv University approved a draft budget of IL295m. for the 1975-6 fiscal year. However, the university is assured only of an income of IL250m.

The 1974-5 budget totalled only IL217m. Approval for the new budget was given subject to contingency plans being prepared for a situation in which income will be substantially lower than the anticipated expenditure.

One major shift in policy will be to change the fund-raising emphasis abroad from large contributions for the development budget to more modest donations for the operational budget to meet the university's day to day needs. Tel Aviv and other Dan region cities have been asked to increase their contribution to the university budget, although it is doubtful if they will be able to do so because of their own financial difficulties.

The board — which ended its annual meeting last week — also adopted a proposal made by the university chancellor, George S. Wise, that donors of buildings which bear their names be asked to contribute annually at least 10 per cent of the value of their investment for the upkeep of the buildings. Special building-maintenance funds would be set up bearing the names of donors.

The outgoing president of the university, Yuval Ne'eman, reported to the governors that the centre for retraining university graduates, which is managed by Ramot — the university's authority for applied research and industrial development — had received 1,500 applications from immigrant scientists, mostly from the Soviet Union. Of these, 400 have already completed their retraining and have been absorbed in industry. Several hundred more are now in various stages of retraining programmes.

The recent emphasis on science-based industries has paid off quite quickly, and the board heard reports of the well-advanced development of an artificial wearable kidney by a subsidiary of Ramot, a company created and owned by the university.

The company has also developed a special type of porous plastic tube with many practical applications in filtration and concentration systems, which are now being tested.

Judges meet on salary claim

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The country's judges held meetings yesterday to discuss a further appeal to the Knesset Finance Committee to increase their salaries. The committee recently offered the judges an increase that would result in a net rise of IL90 in their salaries.

According to one judge a magistrate receives about IL2,500 net a month and a district court judge receives about IL200 more.

He said that the lowness of the salaries prevented many talented people from becoming judges, and this had created a serious shortage in the country. Tel Aviv, for example, was short of five judges, primarily because few lawyers were prepared to make the financial sacrifice involved in giving up their private practices.

Israel needs guarantees

B-G AIRPORT. — Israel should maintain control of the Sinai passes until it is offered something tangible in exchange for them, the delegation of British parliamentarians said here yesterday before departing after a week's stay in the country.

The delegation, comprising three Labour Party members, three Conservatives and the Speaker of the House, and headed by Labour member Sydney Irving, came to Israel as guests of the Knesset and the Foreign Ministry.

Speaking to newsmen at the airport, one of the M.P.s said: "When we actually saw the Golan Heights and the Sinai passes, we realized how important they are to Israel's security. A settlement in the region is vital, but such a settlement must be balanced, and Israel must have adequate guarantees." *(Itim.)*

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5.30 a.m.	5.30 a.m.	7.30 a.m.	7.00 a.m.
6.30 a.m. (to Jerusalem)	7.00 a.m.	9.00 a.m.	8.00 a.m.
7.00 a.m.	8.00 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	9.30 a.m.
8.30 a.m. (to Haifa)	8.30 a.m.	12.00 noon	11.00 a.m.
9.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	1.30 p.m.	12.30 p.m.
11.00 a.m.	11.30 a.m.	3.00 p.m.	1.30 p.m.
1.00 p.m.	1.00 p.m.	4.30 p.m.	3.00 p.m.
2.30 p.m. (to Jerusalem)	2.30 p.m.	6.00 p.m.	4.30 p.m.
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'Le Monde': K's debacle victory for Soviets

Jerusalem Post Correspondent and Agencies

French newspapers yesterday termed Henry Kissinger's fruitless trip to the Middle East as a personal failure for the U.S. Secretary of State, as diplomats in London expressed fear of Russia moving into the area to fill the political gap.

All major French newspapers gave the failure of Kissinger's mission banner headlines. The authorative "Le Monde," which headed its front-page editorial "The Magician's Tears," commented "the tears which Kissinger shed as he left Jerusalem were the price he paid for what was clearly a mistake."

Speaking of the "personal failure" of Kissinger as a "victory for the Soviet Union," the paper said:

"The Soviet Union, to whom the Secretary of State wanted to give a final lesson in modesty before summoning it to the banks of Lake Geneva, presents itself there with increased authority without any effort of its own."

"The biggest victim of the Kissinger debacle," the paper said, "will be Israel-American relations. The side which Kissinger hoped to make give in first was Israel, which has only the U.S. left as an ally. Military and political dependence on America increases year by year.

"By refusing to yield, Jerusalem's leaders have refurbished their national unity but they have placed heavy burden on their relations with Washington."

France and the Soviet Union officially said yesterday that peace is possible in the Middle East only if Israeli troops withdraw from all territory occupied in 1967.

A communique, issued at the end of a visit here by French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, also advocated a homeland for the Palestinian people and the independent existence of all states and peoplle in the Middle East.

After a preliminary assessment of the collapse of the U.S. Middle East strategy, European diplomats foresee a period of new tension and a swing of Arab policy away from Washington toward the Kremlin, reports from London said. Following on the crisis developments in Southeast Asia, the Middle East deadlock is seen as a dangerous blow to American prestige and to its role on the world scene.

Denmark's largest daily newspaper, "B.T." said editorially:

"The collapse of Henry Kissinger's seventh mid-east mission may crush the hopes for peace. It may spell the end of his era as Secretary of State. It does, at any rate, mean an end to the myth of Kissinger, the miracle worker."

Italian Communists seek role in gov't

ROME (AP). — The Italian Communist Party, on the last day of its 14th Party Congress Sunday night, formally abandoned its revolutionary fervour in favor of an "historic compromise" — an alliance of Communists, Socialists and Christian Democrats.

After a six-day debate, the largest Communist Party in the West adopted a plank stating that only its historic compromise doctrine can give Italy "the force and authority necessary to overcome its crises."

However, the Christian Democrat Party, Italy's Church-backed and biggest political organization, has been dead set against any governing role for the Communist Party, while the Socialist Party is split on the Communists' historic compromise.

The Communist Party, which polls over 25 per cent of votes in most elections, but has been shut out of any formal role in governing, also took a mute stand on international issues. The party platform asserted that, if trusted with ruling, "the Communist Party affirms that it will not bring up the problem of Italian withdrawal from the NATO Atlantic Pact."

The Party also said a governing role for Communists in Italy would "further develop detente and help construct a system of world cooperation."

While debate — and minor opposition to the new Party doctrine — progressed, events in Portugal weighed heavily on the Congress. After Portugal's leftist military rulers banned the Portuguese Christian Democrat Party, the Italian Christian Democrats pulled out their observer delegation to the Communist Congress. Other non-Communists said that, if trusted, Italian Communists also would move against other parties in this country. To dispel such fears, the Communist Party said it followed events in Portugal with "preoccupation."

It said "all political parties, except the Fascists and plotters should take part in Portuguese politics." However, it also attributed the current upheaval in Portugal to half a century of "Salazarian Fascism."

The Congress ended late Sunday night by electing a new Central Committee — it contained no significant changes — which in turn re-elected Luigi Longo as Party president and Enrico Berlinguer as Secretary-General.

Gov'ts of poor countries blamed for food shortages

WASHINGTON (AP). — Many poor countries are having trouble feeding themselves because their own restrictive government policies hold back farm production, according to the U.S. Agriculture Department.

A report by the department's Foreign Agricultural Service said that most "less-developed countries," or LDCS, have some form of policy which acts as a disincentive to agricultural production.

"These are not confined to LDCS, but are much more critical to their levels of food supply than are disincentives in developed countries," the report said.

Surveys of more than 50 of the so-called LDCS showed that the majority have policies which directly or indirectly discourage domestic production. The report said those policies included: — Price controls at the producer or the consumer levels. — Noncompetitive buying of commodities or procurement by the government. — Export controls or export taxes. — Imports for sale at subsidized prices. — Exchange rate controls. — Restrictions on credit, land tenure, farm size and domestic movement of agricultural products from one district to another.

The report was written by Abdullah Saleh, a commodity analyst specializing in foreign affairs for the agency. His report also strongly implies that federal farm programmes of the past did not serve the interests of American farmers.

"Policies that tend to restrict agricultural production are not unique to developing countries," he said. "As recently as 1973, the U.S. Government payment for feed grain set-aside (IDLED) acreage totalled $1.17b., and 9.4 million acres of land were withheld from production."

In analyzing some of the effects of government policy on food production in other countries, the report said price controls at the farm level have had much impact by creating disincentive among producers to invest in additional inputs.

"For example, government controls on producer prices in Zaire has had detrimental effects on palm oil production," the report said. "Palm-oil production has been declining since 1968 in reaction to low administered prices."

Not long ago, the report said, Greece's price ceilings on beef resulted in shortages and black markets.

"In the Dominican Republic, the land-tenure law that limits rice land to 80 acres has been one reason that the country has had to import rice over the past several years," the report said.

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South Vietnamese refugees form a massive traffic jam on the highway between Hue and Da[illegible] the northern part of the country cut off from the south by the fighting. (AP[illegible])

S. Vietnam cut in tw[illegible]

SAIGON. — Communist forces cut South Vietnam in two yesterday with the capture of the sea-coast provincial capital of Tam Ky. The outer defences of Hue crumbled under North Vietnamese tank and infantry assaults, and the Communists opened fire on 80,000 refugees trying to escape by sea.

Capture of Tam Ky gave the Communists control of Quang Tin Province and extended Communist control across Vietnam from the Laotian border to the sea and isolated both Hue and Da Nang. The thousands of refugees trapped on Highway 1 between the two cities were reported under fire and unable to proceed to Da Nang or retreat to Hue.

A senior government official in Saigon said so far more than 1,000 refugees have been killed and that as many as 800,000 were on the roads. Another 100,000 refugees also began pouring into Saigon from threatened areas directly north of the capital.

The situation at Hue was described as "critical" and the threat to Saigon was growing.

In the war in Cambodia, government forces suffered significant setbacks yesterday, as insurgent forces overran two positions west of Phnom Penh, field reports said. Government forces at the strategic Tuol Leap base, which was supposed to protect the U.S. airlift from rockets in the insurgent "rocket belt," fled after a heavy Communist attack, field reports said.

The capital and its airport were hit by 21 rockets yesterday, but the American airlift of vital supplies resumed after a two-day suspension.

Insurgent forces "attacking like ants" with hundreds of anti-tank rockets had pierced the Tuol Leap defence perimeter northwest of Phnom Penh's airport and routed the government defenders, reports said.

Several other positions in the area were also abandoned by government troops, as they thought [illegible] surgent force was on it[illegible]

In Bangkok, Prime M[illegible] krit Pramoj said the N[illegible] curity Council has decid[illegible] the American arms airlif[illegible] bodia from Thailand, but [illegible] food shipments to contin[illegible]

Four Asian embassies [illegible] in Phnom Penh over the [illegible] weeks in a move to pre[illegible] sident Lon Nol to resign [illegible] Cambodia, reliable [illegible] sources said yesterday. [illegible] bassies of Japan, Malay[illegible] nesia and Thailand wi[illegible] rarily" shut down, the s[illegible] indicating the Japanese a[illegible] the Malaysians and I[illegible] would stay if Lon Nol le[illegible] their scheduled departur[illegible]

The Asian move co[illegible] mounting pressure fro[illegible] segment of Phnom Pen[illegible] cians, high-ranking offi[illegible] dents, and even commo[illegible] for the ouster of the [illegible] head of state.

PANAMA WARNING ON CANAL

CONTADORA ISLAND, Panama (AP). — Panamanian strongman Brig.-Gen. Omar Torrijos said on Sunday that Panama "has reached the limit of its patience" in negotiations with the U.S. on a new Canal treaty.

Reports say that the U.S. Senate may not ratify a proposed treaty granting Panama sovereignty over the Canal.

Torrijos, speaking at a news conference attended by the visiting presidents of Venezuela, Costa Rica and Colombia, said: "The Canal's operation could come to a total halt if the U.S. Congress refuse to approve a new treaty more acceptable to Latin American countries." He added he was confident he would "leave future generations of Panamanians free of the Canal's historic problems."

Torrijos said he had received the unconditional support of the visiting presidents and "ever since the UN recognized the Canal problem, what was a religion in Panama has become a religion for all of Latin America."

Sakharov's wife refused medical visa

MOSCOW (AP). — Dissident physicist Andrei Sakharov said yesterday Soviet authorities have rejected his wife's request to go to Italy for eye treatment.

His wife, who wept in the waiting room of the Moscow office that deals with visas, said she expects to go blind within months.

Sakharov told newsmen an official had just turned down her five-month-old request to be allowed to accept an invitation from Italian eye specialists for treatment at a clinic in Siena.

"We can only appeal to the world now," said the 53-year-old human rights activist. Mrs. Sakharov, 52, suffered eye injuries while serving as an army nurse during World War II and is classified as an invalid although she has since become a doctor.

She said she had lost vision in her left eye after glaucoma developed and that vision in her right eye had deteriorated. She estimated she would lose her remaining sight in six months.

Mrs. Sakharov said she had been treated five times in Soviet clinics without success, so she applied for a visa when invited by the Italians. "What are they afraid of?" she asked. "I am a Soviet citizen. I don't want to run away."

Sakharov said his wife had lived in "constant pain" for months. Finally summoned to the visa office, they were told by an official no one could go to a capitalist country without an invitation from a relative.

McGovern sees Sadat

CAIRO (AP). — U.S. Senator George McGovern left Egypt yesterday for Saudi Arabia, after meeting with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

Neither Egyptian nor American officials gave details of the talks, which were thought to have dealt with the collapse of U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's peace mission.

McGovern, head of a Senate subcommittee on the Near East and Southern Asia, is scheduled to visit Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Israel.

Second suspect held soccer bribe case

TEL AVIV. — A man wanted by police on suspicion of using threats and persuasion to try to make Tel Aviv Maccabi football players deliberately lose a game against B'nei Yehuda, gave himself up on Sunday night.

Moshe "Musa" Karuv is expected to be brought before a magistrate this morning when police will probably request a remand.

He is the second suspect now being held in the same case. Ya'acov Epstein, a used car dealer who is known to be an ardent supporter of Tel Aviv Maccabi, was taken into custody on Thursday. Reliable sources report that police allege Epstein tried to persuade Tel Aviv Maccabi players to lose the game after he himself had been threatened into doing so.

While the police were searching for Karuv, he was walking around quite openly, including being interviewed on television, whe[illegible] he had only been joking [illegible] had tried to persuade [illegible] lose the game. On Sa[illegible] passed the police guard [illegible] Bloomfield sports stadium [illegible] the game. After the [illegible] spoke to Maccabi players.

A detective agency [illegible] the Football Association [illegible] presented the police with [illegible] ings, pointing to bribery [illegible] strong-arm methods on [illegible] B'nei Yehuda, the Hatikvah [illegible] club fighting to avoid re[illegible]

According to the detective [illegible] report, five Tel Aviv Ma[illegible] ers were approached to [illegible] game to B'nei Yehuda.

Tel Aviv Maccabi have [illegible] that the F.A. void the [illegible] game with B'nei Yehuda [illegible] decided to bring in the [illegible] stead of calling a discipli[illegible] ing.

Tax-free dollars for IAI foreign worker[illegible]

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — "The Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) engage skilled foreign workers and pay them in foreign currency without any tax deductions. This, according to Professor Joseph Jaffe, chairman of Rehovot Instruments Ltd., creates unfair competition for other science based industries, which are not favoured with the opportunity of paying in foreign currency."

In a recent talk at the Haifa Rotary Club, Jaffe said the matter had come to his notice by chance, when a British mill operator applied for a job at his plant, asking for the same conditions he had enjoyed at IAI.

According to the operator, the conditions of his six-month contract included return airline tickets for himself, his wife and his children, six dollars, tax-free, an hour, and he was credited with 80 working hours weekly, including overtime. His cheques were drawn on a New York bank in dollars, and "the payment was net, with no d[illegible]" Professor Jaffe told *The [illegible] Post.*

According to the job [illegible] IAI employs 300 skill[illegible] workers and pays the [illegible] tax-free dollars.

Asked to comment, the [illegible] man said "we hire skil[illegible] workers, if none can b[illegible] in Israel, through the U[illegible] Company, on short term [illegible] The company pays the [illegible] positing the money in [illegible] bank for them, and w[illegible] responsible for their pay."

The professor, who had [illegible] the Weizmann Institute [illegible] before opening his own p[illegible] that science-based indu[illegible] his own "are unable to o[illegible] men attractive incentive[illegible] our taxation system mak[illegible] wages — an incentive [illegible] work — impossible. IA[illegible] other hand, by paying [illegible] dollars can get skilled [illegible] lower cost than we can [illegible] pay no income tax," he [illegible]

Tax reform expected to cu[illegible] number of private cars

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi said yesterday that he expects the increase in the number of private cars to slow down as a result of the recommendations of the Ben-Shahar Tax Reform Committee. With the implementation of the tax reforms, car allowances which have been tax-free until now, will be fully taxed.

Mr. Y'acobi said that about half of all the private cars on the roads today are operated on employer-supported budgets. With full taxation of car expenses, many drivers will decide to use public transportation instead of their own cars, [illegible] ter predicted at a press [illegible] at Beit Agron.

The Minister confirmed [illegible] July 1 date for making [illegible] ing of safety belts on [illegible] trips obligatory will not [illegible] postponed and that an [illegible] campaign on the subject [illegible] in six weeks. He regretted [illegible] Broadcasting Authority w[illegible] ing his Ministry for TV [illegible] grammes on the subject. [illegible] regulation will effect only [illegible] in 1969 or later, which [illegible] about 45 per cent of all [illegible] cars in Israel, he said.

Communal Seders in Negev to[illegible]

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Communal Seders for about 2,000 immigrants will be held in Arad, Ofakim, Sderot and Yeruham, organized by the Ministry of Absorption.

The Ministry, in cooperation with Makhteshim Chemicals Ltd. and the Israel Aircraft Industry, will hold a communal Seder in Beersheba for olim and vatikim. The Ministry has also arranged for many olim to attend Seders at various [illegible] in the Negev.

Ofakim children who att[illegible] eral schools have been [illegible] hold the Seder with childre[illegible] religious schools.

The Ministry and the Ob[illegible] must have established a [illegible] camp for 150 children in [illegible] The children will visit [illegible] and the area.

Madrid embarrassed by claim of secret Portuguese army

ORID. — A Lisbon claim that cret "army for the liberation Portugal" was being directed Portuguese based in Spain is ly embarrassing to the Span- Government, sources close to id yesterday.

ere has been no official reac- Foreign Ministry sources said statements made in Lisbon being studied.

egations about a secret Por- se army training in Spain put forth on Sunday by Col. o Corvajo, chief of staff of gal's northern military region. nationwide television broadcast general said among its leaders two foreigners with Anglo- n code names who had ex- e experience in subversive ac- s against certain Latin Ame- republics.

ere was widespread specula- in Lisbon that the American was involved with the exile but Corvajo, answering news- questions, said no proof of involvement had been found.

ousands of Portuguese have to Spain since the military er last year. Officials said no exact figures are available, as Portuguese citizens need no visa to enter Spain and can stay as tourists for up to three months.

Last October, a group of Portuguese refugees announced it was forming a government in exile, but there was doubt whether the announcement was serious. In any case, the Spanish Government immediately said it would not tolerate such activities on its soil. And since then Spain has formally repeated its policy of strict non-interference in Portuguese affairs. Spanish officials have taken great pains to make it clear that Spain was determined to continue good neighbourly relations with the Lisbon Government.

One reason for Spanish embarrassment over such developments is that Spain has its own problem with the activities of foes of the Franco regime based abroad, such as the "government in exile" headquartered in Mexico and Basque groups operating from France.

In Lisbon, an official statement said Portuguese Premier Vasco Goncalves has formed a new government that is expected to be announced within the next 24 hours. Political sources have forecast it will show increased Communist influence in the civilian part of the military-dominated government.

Meanwhile, the Portuguese news agency ANI reported that an outbreak of fighting between two rival factions in Angola's provisional government over the weekend has provoked a full military alert in the African territory.

Reports reaching Lisbon from Luanda indicated there were a number of casualties, including two civilians, in the clashes between the Armed Forces of the Angolan National Liberation Front (FNLA) and the Angolan Popular Liberation Movement (MPLA).

ANI said serious incidents were reported in Lubango, Lobito, Huambo and Luanda, where gunfire could be heard most of the day on Sunday.

The two warring factions and the Union for Angola's Total Independence (UNITA) serve in the provisional government created two months ago to lead that rich West African territory to independence from Portugal. *(UPI, AP)*

Latest picture of Mullah Mustafa Barazani, the 70-year-old Kurdish leader, taken last week in his mountain hideout near the Iranian border. (AP radiophoto)

Israel will depend on U.S. financial aid until end of decade

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Israel has no cushion of foreign-currency reserves, and will be dependent on financial aid from the U.S. Government right up to the end of the present decade. This fact is going to be revealed when the Treasury's latest Five-Year Economic Forecast (for 1975-79) is tabled before the Ministerial Economic Committee a month from now.

Despite considerable belt-tightening and a major export drive, the foreign-trade deficit, currently $3,300m. a year, will still be around $2,500m. in 1979. Up till the October war, Israelis hardly needed any American aid, because with the support of world Jewry they could match the financial power of the Arab states confronting them.

Today the Western world's transfer of $40,000m. a year to the Arab oil nations — over and above what their petrol was fetching in normal times — takes them out of Israel's financial league.

The trade deficit is largely an arms deficit, and U.S. assistance, starting (hopefully) at $2,500m. in 1975/76 but declining over the years, is vital if Israel is to retain a viable defence posture.

This point is sensitive, owing to the power it gives the Americans to press for political concessions to the Arabs, now that the Kissinger mediation talks have broken down.

Israel's situation would be far less vulnerable had the warnings of the Economic Planning Authority been heeded over the past decade. The EPA's recommendation, monotonously repeated (under its successive directors David Kochav, Yaacov Arnon and Eliezer Ronen, as well as the present incumbent Simha Landau), was to let private consumption grow by only 5-6 per cent a year, or 2-3 per cent per capita. As output was increasing by 10 per cent, the excess of production would have gone to improve the trade balance.

According to Landau, private consumption grew a good deal more rapidly, because the inflow of foreign capital (from Bonds, German restitutions, depositors, investors and other sources) was greater than expected. "We ate all this capital up — instead of letting it accumulate in the foreign exchange reserves," he recalled. He was speaking to *The Jerusalem Post* in an interview on Sunday.

What of the future? The old practice of letting consumption swell practically as fast as the Gross National Product is no longer feasible. Even on the most optimistic reckoning, the expected capital inflow will not be sufficient to feed anything but a modest increase in average living standards.

Therefore two prospects are in view. One is that new tax burdens will have to be imposed each and every year, in order to mop up the difference between the increase in output and the increase in consumption-plus-savings. "The more savings increase, the less taxes must increase," he points out.

(Observers hint in this connection that the revenue increase can be achieved through upping the value added tax by one or more percentage points each year; which makes the VAT's enactment in October of this year particularly timely, they say.)

The second prospect is that if the Government and the public do not abide by the rules of the game this time — the penalty will be heavy unemployment. "As it is," Landau says, "we must get used to living with a mild level of unemployment." Getting rid of Israel's habitual over-employment is recommended by economists as part of a re-structuring process, which requires a shift of manpower away from the excessively voracious domestic market. The labour is needed instead to make good the serious lag in exports.

Demand will have to be restrained in the local market, so as to generate this "frictional" unemployment. What Landau's figures show is that the restraint of demand is not just a desirable goal, as in the past — which could be achieved or not achieved (and in fact was not). It is today an unavoidable necessity.

"Unemployment will run at 5 or 5.5 per cent, partly frictional unemployment (of persons between jobs), partly disguised unemployment (persons working five days a week, for example, instead of six). We can make both ends meet at such a reduced level of activity. But if we increase demand further, an operation which in the past created full employment — we shall achieve the opposite effect. Stepping up demand will use up our dollars. If we run out of dollars, unemployment will be aggravated automatically," he concluded.

The coming five years will see a recession in the domestic market, with only one boom sector: exports. "The biggest problem ahead is how to increase output and exports without giving any corresponding increase in remuneration," Landau says. The test will be felt in the coming two years. "If we do not get this process started, of switching resources from the internal to the export market — we are in trouble," he warns.

Somali rebels kidnap French ambassador

ROBI (UPI). — Three armed s who kidnapped the French assador to Somalia on Sun- as he left mass, yesterday nded that the French Gov- ent release two convicted rists within 36 hours.

gunmen grabbed Ambassador Gueury, 57, off a crowded in the Somali capital of lishu on Sunday and bundled nto a seaside villa where they negotiations with Paris yes- through the Italian ambas-

vily armed police swarmed d the building and cordoned e Indian Ocean capital with ocks, but ambassador Gueury n a telephone call to his em- "I'm very well. I'm in good " as the negotiations con-

rench Embassy spokesman in lishu said three kidnappers rabbed the ambassador as he ed from Mogadishu cathedral nday night and fired a volley ts over the heads of a crowd malis who tried to come to scue.

negotiations, the kidnappers hey belonged to a group calling itself the Front for the Liberation of the Somali Coast.

They demanded the release of two colleagues, identified as Osman Rabeh and Omar Elmi Kaireh, both serving jail sentences in France for terrorist incidents in the neighbouring French-controlled territory of the Affars and Issas.

Rabeh had been sentenced to death in 1967 for a bomb attack on Territorial President Aref, and Kaireh was jailed for life for a bomb attack in 1970 against a bar in the territorial capital of Djibouti. Rabeh's death sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment.

The kidnappers gave Paris 36 hours to release the two prisoners and later, according to diplomatic reports reaching here, demanded an aircraft to fly themselves and the ambassador to Marxist South Yemen, where negotiations would continue.

This is the third kidnapping of a French ambassador since 1973. Pro-Palestinian Japanese Red Army terrorists kidnapped the French Ambassador to the Netherlands in 1974, and the envoy to Cuba was kidnapped in 1973.

Aspirin helps spread the cold virus

CHICAGO (AP). — Aspirin makes a person with a cold feel better, but the commonly used drug also increases the user's chances of spreading the virus, University of Illinois researchers say.

Because aspirin provides some minor relief of cold discomfort, a person using aspirin is more likely to continue working and associating with other people, the university's Abraham Lincoln School of Medicine team reported in the March 24 issue of "the Journal of the American Medical Association."

Aspirin does nothing to reduce infection or illness from colds, according to Dr. Edith Stanley and other researchers who based their conclusions on a study of 45 healthy young volunteers who were infected with cold viruses.

Twenty-seven were treated with aspirin, and the others were given a sugar pill. The volunteers did not know what they were given. Eighty-three per cent of the aspirin-treated subjects, and 90 per cent of the sugar-pill subjects became infected.

Aspirin did not reduce symptoms to any significant degree, the researches found. They said the effect on frequency and severity of symptoms "was disappointing."

The greatest aspirin benefit was found in relief of inflamed eye tissues. There was some minor relief of headache and sneezing.

The disturbing aspect of their study was the increase in what is called "virus shedding" — the spreading of cold germs. This makes the infected person "a better candidate to increase the spread of the virus to contacts," the researchers said.

TWO BARAZANI SONS FIGHT ON

Kurd rebels prefer exile

BEIRUT (AP). — Thousands of Kurdish rebels were reported fleeing their small enclave in northern Iraq and surrendering their guns either to the Iranian army or the forces of the Arab Socialist regime in Baghdad.

Returning travellers from Kurdistan, near the Iranian border, reported confusion and gloom in the mountain villages after Mullah Mustafa Barazani told his Pesh Merga guerrillas their 13-year war for autonomy had ended.

Baghdad Radio claimed Barazani had already fled the country and might seek political asylum in the U.S. The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said the Kurdish leader's son, Idris, had applied for sanctuary in Switzerland.

Government spokesmen in Baghdad claimed up to 11,000 Kurds had surrendered to the Iraqi army in the past few days, receiving a $280 reward for bringing in their weapons.

But travellers from the Kurdish side said most of those who surrendered to the Iraqis were civilians. They reported that Barazani's guerrilla fighters were choosing exile in Iran rather than allegiance to the Baghdad Government.

Several hundred Pesh Merga were seen crossing the Iranian border handing over their guns at an Iranian army post and being carted off in trucks to refugee camps.

There were reports that two of Barazani's sons had elected to remain in their mountain hideouts with an army of 9,000 Pesh Merga guerrillas, to fight off an Iraqi offensive scheduled to begin on April 1, when the Baghdad Government's amnesty runs out.

But their 70-year-old father was said to be disheartened at his lack of foreign support and the odds posed by some 60,000 Iraqi troops backed by tanks, heavy artillery and Soviet-made Migs and Sukhoi fighter-bombers.

Baghdad has vowed to "eliminate" any Barazani rebels who do not take advantage of the general amnesty which expires on March 31.

It was offered at the insistence of the Shah of Iran, who asked Iraq to give the Kurds one last chance before implementing the new Iranian-Iraqi treaty provisions that close Iran's borders to Kurdish refugees and end Iran's military support for the Pesh Merga.

One of Barazani's military leaders told visitors the guerrillas could hold out for two or three more months against the Iraqi army, but that this would only result in harsher reprisals when the end came.

Rhodesian cease-fire was illegal, lawyer says

BURY (UPI). — Black na- st leader, the Rev. Ndabanin- ole, appeared before a special yesterday to answer charges oing to kill fellow black na- st politicians and supporting ed guerrilla warfare against ite minority regime in Rho-

ole, 55, a U.S.-trained Protes- ergyman, was arrested in Sa- on March 4 and has been in on since.

ding Judge Hector Mac- Rhodesia's Acting Chief Jus- uid the court was a review tri- and Sithole did not face char- der criminal law. The court decide whether Sithole would in detention or not.

ole's lawyer, Israel Maisels, ner Rhodesian High Court now practicing in South Af- aid the nationalist leader was d with failing to recognize ease-fire agreement" between Rhodesian troops and black guerrillas.

Maisels said he wanted more information about the cease-fire and who the parties were to it. By making a cease-fire agreement with an "unlawful army" the Government had abrogated some of its powers, he said.

"Our submission is that once the Rhodesian Government entered into this agreement — and there may have been over-riding and very good reasons from the point of view of the Government for doing so — it countenanced the unlawful possession of arms in this agreement itself," he said.

Sithole's detention has halted constitutional talks between nationalists and the Government. Bishop Abel Muzorewa, leader of the African National Council (ANC), said his movement would have no further meetings with Smith until Sithole is released.

'Mini pogrom' in Damascus

LONDON (JTA). — Arab gangs invaded the Jewish quarter of Damascus and ransacked Jewish homes last week, "The Daily Telegraph" reported yesterday.

An eye-witness of the raid, who returned to Europe at the weekend, reported seeing several people injured and the contents of Jewish homes hurled into the street. Syrian police were present throughout but did not intervene to protect the victims of what was described as a "mini pogrom."

'Financial Times': Oil prices hurt West much less than feared

LONDON (Reuter). — The effects of higher oil prices on Western economies and money markets have been very much less than feared, the "Financial Times" said yesterday in a special survey on Middle East banking and finance.

The West last year coped with the challenge of recycling Middle East oil revenue surpluses, the survey said. But because money markets were strained by the increased volume of funds, a new international mechanism, mutually acceptable to both oil producers and consumers, was now needed to handle the oil revenues.

"While the size of the surpluses and the problems in recycling them has proved far less devastating than the more gloomy prognostications a year ago suggested, the producers have behaved responsibly in deploying their money, especially Iran and Saudi Arabia."

The eight Middle East members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) accumulated surpluses from oil revenues of $56,000m. last year, according to the Bank of England's latest estimate — but even this figure might prove too high, the survey said:

"The past year has seen a progressive scaling-down from the more dire predictions made a year ago when economists were predicting a surplus of anything up to $80,000m., with the bulk of it in Arab hands, and warning of shifts of hot volatile money creating monetary chaos on a global scale."

Arabs want George, Washington

GEORGE, WASHINGTON (UPI).— Middle East investors want to buy the tiny town of George, Washington, namesake of the nation's founding father, according to an attorney representing the investors.

A representative of Colonial Farms Ltd., which owns three-fourths of the 300-person town, said its entire property has been offered to the Middle East investment group.

Mounier M'karzel, a Lebanese attorney representing the investors, confirmed the offer to purchase the town, where nearly everything is related to the 18th century era of George Washington. One of seven directors of the Wenatchee-based corporation that owns most of George, also confirmed the offer by the Mideast investment group, which has already bought land near Ellensburg, Washington.

A spokesman said Colonial Farms wants to sell its property in George because the firm does not have the $2m. needed to develop the town.

RTS ABROAD — BERNIE BERNIKER

Everton still top English soccer league

TON came back after going down within 60 seconds on y and drew 1-1 with fellow Soccer League title-chasers Town. The result left Ever- ee points clear at the top of andings. Five teams were in second spot, with only erage separating them in the ever championship race.

or Whymark headed Ipswich e lead before the 46,269 fans en settled down to watch the He rose high to head in a ck from Colin Viljoen for a at stunned the home sup-

on finally got on terms after 60 minutes when striker atchford squared the ball the goal area and Mick lunged forward to score.

City turned on their goal power after relegation can- Carlisle United held them in the first half. Stoke had first in the seventh minute Gerry Conroy, and Carlisle ed 12 minutes later through Joe Laidlaw. But it was a t picture after the interval. headed Stoke in front again 64th and Jimmy Greenhoff third two minutes later.

itute Ian Moore was on tar- Stoke's fourth in the 72nd before Carlisle's Peter Carr one back four minutes later. inutes from time Goeff Sal- ocketed home a shot from ge of the box for Stoke's A crowd of 20,525 fans

United, the defending league ons and semifinalists in the n cup, sustained a shock de- Luton where the home club, certain for relegation, hung win 2-1. Luton rocked the ms in the third minute when ston put the home team one nine minutes later it was ough Peter Anderson. Leeds ed to get back on terms be- 048 fans, but could only ma- n 88th minute consolation rough Joe Jordan following r by Luton's Paul Futcher. econd division longest un- run ended when Aston Villa went down 1-0 at Orient, their first league reverse in 1975. Ricky Hepplette got the Orient goal nine minutes from time.

Manchester United, winners at Notts Forest through a Gerry Daly goal, are now seven points clear and should be promoted.

Standings in the English Soccer Leagues after Saturday's games. (Tabulate matches played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division One:

	G	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Everton	35	14	16	6	49	33	44
Middlesbrough	35	15	11	9	47	34	41
Liverpool	35	15	11	9	48	35	41
Stoke	35	15	11	9	58	43	41
Burnley	35	16	7	10	60	51	41
Ipswich	36	19	3	14	63	55	41
Derby	34	16	8	10	62	45	40
Sheffield United	34	15	9	10	45	44	39
Queen's Park Rangers	36	15	8	13	46	46	38
Manchester City	35	15	8	12	46	48	38
Leeds	34	14	9	11	46	35	37
West Ham	35	12	12	11	53	46	36
Newcastle	34	14	6	14	52	57	34
Coventry	35	10	13	12	46	54	33
Wolverhampton	34	11	10	13	48	44	32
Birmingham	35	12	8	15	46	51	32
Arsenal	33	10	9	14	40	40	29
Leicester	34	9	10	15	35	49	28
Chelsea	35	8	12	15	39	64	28
Tottenham	35	8	8	19	38	66	24
Luton	34	7	10	17	32	50	24
Carlisle	35	9	3	23	35	53	21

Division Two:

	G	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Manchester United	35	21	7	7	62	24	49
Aston Villa	34	17	8	9	53	29	42
Sunderland	35	16	12	8	54	30	42
Norwich	34	16	12	7	45	30	42
Bristol City	34	17	7	10	39	25	41
Blackpool	35	12	14	8	34	23	40
West Bromwich	34	14	9	11	41	31	37

Liverpool's Peter Cromak (dark shirt) challenges Tottenham Hotspur's Ralph Coates during Saturday's First Division match in London, which Liverpool won 2-0 giving them shared second place, with five other teams, in the league table. (AP)

BASKETBALL

KENTUCKY, using two huge freshmen centers in a very physical game plan, ended the U.S. national championship dreams of top-ranked Indiana on Saturday, defeating the previously unbeaten Hoosiers 92-90 as the NCAA's college basketball tournament was reduced to four teams.

As fifth-ranked Kentucky was refusing to bow to pressure in its victory that ended Indiana's winning streak at 34 games, Louisville, Syracuse and UCLA were winning other NCAA regional tournaments. They will join the Wildcats next weekend in San Diego.

Kentucky, 25-4 and champion of the mideast, plays Syracuse, 23-7, in one semifinal game next Saturday. Louisville, 27-2, and UCLA, 26-3, meet in the other semifinal. The winners — that could mean an all-Kentucky final — play on Monday, March 31 for the national championship.

Coach John Wooden's second ranked UCLA Bruins, looking for their 10th NCAA title in the last 12 years, won the west regional with an easy 89-75 victory over Arizona State in Portland, Oregon. Forward Marques Johnson led UCLA with 35 points.

Louisville, champion of the Missouri Valley Conference, won the midwest when the third-ranked Cardinals conquered Maryland's press and went on to a 96-82 victory over coach Lefty Driesell's Terps in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Guard Philip Bond had the hot hand for Louisville, scoring 23 points as the Cardinals went on a surge midway through the second half to end fourth-ranked Maryland's title hopes.

Syracuse, the 20th-ranked team in the country, won the East regional 95-87 over Kansas State when Rudy Hackett scored on a five-foot shot at the buzzer, tieing the game at 76-76 and sending it into overtime. The Orangemen then won easily. Hackett scored 28 points to overshadow a tremendous performance by Kansas State's Chuckie Williams who had 35 points in the game played in Providence, Rhode Island.

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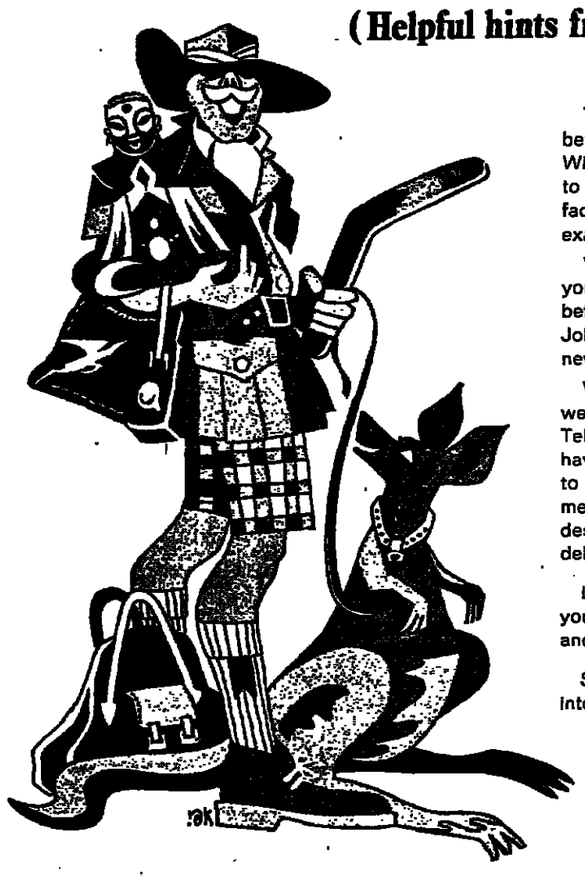

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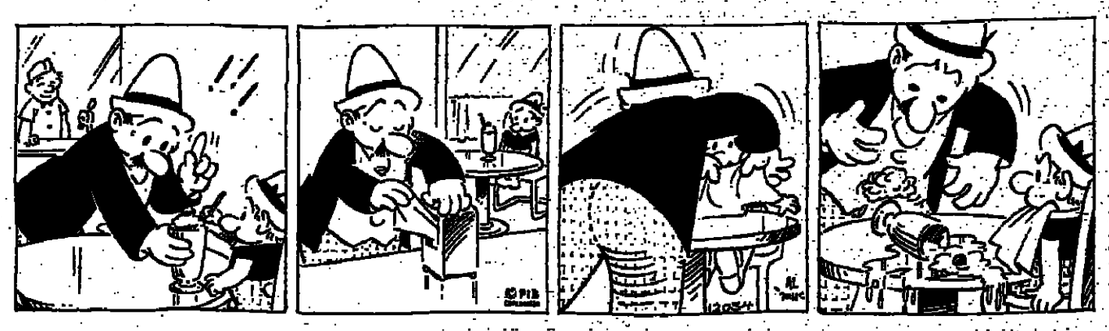

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TEL AVIV

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TEL AVIV
4.30, 7.15, 9.30

ALLENBY: The Great Gatsby 4, 7, 9.30; **BEN YEHUDA:** The Towering Inferno 6.15, 9.15 (holidays), 6, 9 (weekdays); **CINEMA ONE:** The Man with the Golden Gun; **CINEMA TWO:** A Streetcar Named Desire, 11, 1.15, 3.45, 5.45, 8, 10; **CINERAMA:** Yom Hadin, 7.15, 9.30; **ESTHER:** La Moutarde me Monte au Nez; **DEKEL:** Oliver, 5.30, 8.30; **PARIS:** Last Detail, 10, 12, 2, 3, 7.15, 9.30; **GREN:** Herbie Rides Again; **DRIVE-IN:** Marco Polo at 7.00, The Big Showdown at 9.30; **GAT:** Crazy Sex; **GORDON:** Tom Jones; **HOD:** The Man with the Golden Gun; **LIMOR:** The Gold Rush; **MAXIM:** State of Siege; **MOGRABI:** Chinatown, 4.30, 7, 9.30; **PEER:** The Prisoner of Second Avenue; **OPHIR:** Airport 1975; **ORLY:** Jory; **RAMAT AVIV:** Avanti 7, 9.30; **STUDIO:** The Confessions of a Window Cleaner; **TCHELET:** W.R. — The Mysteries of the Organism; **TEL AVIV:** The Towering Inferno, 5.30, 8.30; **ZAFON:** Les Violons du Bal.

HAIFA

AMPHITHEATRE: 99 Percent Dead; **ARMON:** The Man with the Golden Gun; **ATEMON:** Day of Judgement; **BEIT ROTHSCHILD:** Seagull Sun. at 7, Mon. at 9.30, The Visit Tues. at 7, Thurs. at 10.00; **CHEN:** Airport 1975; **MIRON:** Circus World; **MORIAH:** Chariots of the Gods; **ORAH:** The Towering Inferno 5.30, 8.30; **ORDAN:** Hacham Gamliel; **ORION:** The Three Supermen; **ORLY:** Some Like it Hot; **PEER:** Crazy Sex; **RON:** The Wedding Night of Dr. Danielli; **SHAVIT:** The Naked Cello, 6.45, 9.00.

RAMAT GAN

ARMON: City Lights 4, 7.15, 9.30; **HADAR:** A Warm December 7.15, 9.30; **LILI:** Jeremy 7.15, 9.30; **ORDEA:** The Odessa File 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; **RAMA:** Ban From Baby, Sun., Mon., Tues. at 7.15, 9.30; **OASIS:** Herbie Rides Again 4, 7.15, 9.30; **RAMAT GAN:** Our Time 7.15, 9.30.

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TIFERET: Mr. Majestyk 7, 9; **DAVID:** Murder on the Orient Express, 7, 9.15.

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SHALOM: Yom Hadin 7, 9.15 (holiday), 4.30, 7, 9.00 (weekdays).

NETANYA

ESTHER: Stacey 7, 9.15.

ON THE AIR

HEBREW NEWS AND NEWSREELS
1st Programme: News: 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 1.00 p.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 10.00, 11.00 and midnight.
Newsreels: 7.05 p.m.
2nd Programme: 6.05 a.m., 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 1.00 p.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 9.00, 10.00, midnight and 1.00 a.m.
Newsreels: 7.05 a.m., 1.05 p.m.
Galei Zahal: News: 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 12.00, 1.00 p.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, midnight, 1.00 a.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00 and 5.00 a.m.
Newsreels: 8.05 a.m., 5.05 p.m. and 12.05 a.m.

FIRST PROGRAMME
256, 322 and 221 M.
7.58 Opening. 8.10 "Musical Delicacies" — Schumann: String Quartet op. 41, No. 2; Faure: Andante and Lullaby (Tehudi and Jeremy Menuhin); Saint-Saens: Beethoven Variations (Eden-Tamir). 9.05 An Hour with Nicolas Harnocourt. 10.05 Antonio Vivaldi (repeat). 11.00 News in easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit la'am. 11.15 Song and Melody. 12.05 Choirs. 1.05 Midday Concert — Bach: Flute Concerto in E Minor (Rampal); Faure: Piano Fantasy; Elgar: "Sea-Pictures" (Barbirolli). 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Radiodea — Improving your Knowledge." 3.30 Literature — Questions and Answers. 3.50 The Halacha. 4.10 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.11 "Tunes for Tweens." 5.10 "Jazz". 5.50 "Enigma." 6.05 "This is Arad." 6.35 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today." 7.25 Light Music. 7.50 Bible Reading: Amos, chaps 1 and 2. 8.05 World of Science. 8.30 (Stereo) Jer. Symph. Orch. — Josip Conta (Rumania); with Radu Aldulescu, cello — Beethoven: "Pastoral" Symphony; Haydn: Cello Concerto; Enescu: Rumanian Rhapsody No. 1; Brahms: Two Hungarian Dances. 11.05 "Documentary Proofs." 12.10 A Moment of Poetry. 12.15 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
487, 423, 258, 248, 385 and 349 M.
5.58 a.m. Opening. 6.00 Religious Service. 6.10 Exercises. 6.20 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 "This Morning." 7.35 Hebrew Songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.05 Announcements. 8.10 Good Morning. 8.55 "Names and Events in the Headlines." 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.) 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 Hebrew Songs. 1.05 p.m. "At Midday." 2.10 "Al Galav Yavi" — new records and recordings. 3.05 Requests — Oriental Songs. 3.52 "Names and Events in the Jewish Scene." 4.10 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.11 Hebrew Hit Parade. 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 Hebrew Hit Parade. (cont.) 6.45 Today's sport. 6.55 Announcements. 9.05 Direct Broadcast. 10.05 "Direct Dialing." 11.05 "I'm Yours and You are Mine." 1.05 Close Down.

ISRAEL TELEVISION
5.30 News. 5.32 Service Bu
Science Series. 8.10 "I've Got
Morasha. 8.30 Mabat. 9.00
Moked. 10.40 News.
Educational: 4.00 Story. 4.0
4.25 "Habima." 5.05 Electric
Arabic: 6.30 News. 6.32 Quiz.
7.00 Special Religious Progr
News.

FIFTH PROGRAM
445 M.
5.58 p.m. Opening. 7.00 News.
Melody. 8.05 Song and Melody.

IMMIGRANTS' HO
7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew.
7.15 Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.0
Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45
Close Down.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROG
7.00 a.m. (4th programme and
1.30-2.00 p.m. (4th programm
waves); 6.00 p.m. (4th progr
8.45 p.m. (4th programme); 10
(short waves).

FRENCH NEWS AND PROG
7.15 a.m. (4th programme and
2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programm
waves); 6.00 p.m. (4th progr
9.00 p.m. (4th programme);
(short waves).

4th Programme — 407, 445 and
Short Waves — 16, 19, 25, 31, 33,

GALEI ZAHAL
224, 230 and 299 M.
5.58 Morning Prayer. 6.05 Mo
7.55 Programme Trailer. 8.05
street. 9.05 Requests. 10.05 War
10.30 "Me and My Songs." 10.
Tasty. 10.55 Uri Sela's Corner
and Tasty. 11.55 Yosef Lapid's
"Midday Star."
12.55 "It Reminds Me." 1.05
Artzi. 1.55 p.m. Announcements
Four" — with Gila Almagor. 4.0
5.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 5.
Everybody. 5.55 Programme
"Army Press Conference."
Entertainment Magazine.
quest." 10.05 "Let's Talk"
Donswits. 11.53 Midnight Talk
Newsreel. 12.30 "Night Birds
Music. 3.05-6.00 Tunes in the N

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Applicant: Marie Kayleh Biokow

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INESS & FINANCE

AVIV STOCKS

ndex-linked rise slightly

AVIV. — Index-linked bonds slightly yesterday. They are ed to rise more today, according financial circles, mainly as lt of reports that the Government will again start discussions ng away with them in their t form. The turnover in was IL13,234,100.

ks fell slightly. The turnn stocks was IL1,275,700: of this, IL545,800 was in the Variables.

Bank Leumi remained at 250.5 (108,000); General Mortgage lost two to 261 (21,000); Discount Investment gained three to 153.5 (39,000). There was no trading in Hadera since the company declared a 15 per cent bonus.

The general index of share prices rose by 0.08 per cent to stand at 100.60.

		24.3	23.3
TURES D TO THE R			
d Sea Junior	r	284	285
tric Corp. A	r	169	180
tric Corp. B	r	149	148.5
D to the INDEX al & Interest)			
65, Index 110.1	b	440	438
1968, Series 41	b	184	188
1969, Series 41	b	141	140.1
ERCIAL BANKS HOLDING NIES			
Jiyashvut	r	214	215.5
tref.	r	290	290
Bankholding	r	193	192
Bank	r	224ex	238
t Bank "A"	r	401	400
Mizrahi Bank	b	155.5	155.5
apoalim—10%	b	305	340
umi "A"		250.5	250.5
AGE BANKS			
rtgage Bank	b	261	263
Mortg. & Inv.	b	144	144
Mortg. Bank	b	238	237
Mortg. Bank	b	161.5	168.5
8%	b	222.5	222.5
	b	233	229
LIZED IAL UTIONS			
Dev. Bank 8%	r	65	65
	r	378.5	383
Insurance	b	231	231
"C"	b	250	250
ERCIAL IES & IES			
ouse	b	78	73.5
	r	142	145
rage—IL10	r	131.5	131
lectric Corp.	r	109	109
ge & Supply	r	118.5	116.5
BUILDING OPMENT TRUS			
	r	121.6	110.6
r. IL10	r	282	292
d Dev.	b	93.5	91.6
neb—10%	b	116	118.5
Property & Build.	r	158	157
Isras	b	700.5	101
Mehadrin	r	159.5	162.5
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	r	90.6	90.5
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	216	216
Neot Aviv	r	83.5	83.5
Pri Or Ltd.	r	137	139
Rassco—8%	r	74	76
Rassco—O.	r	63	53.5
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	400	400
Elco—2.5	b	84.5	85.5
Electra—E	r	128.5	128.5
"Argaman"—8%	b	166.5	166.5
"Ata"—C	r	75.5	75
Dubek	b	360	360
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	129	123
Teva		1120	1105
Chem. & Phosphates	r	120.5	120.5
Lewin Epstein	b	58	61
Moller Textile	r	190.5	190
Phoenicia—8%	b	68	68.5
Paper Mills	r	—	257
Assis "B"	r	158	158
Nechushtan	b	589.5	599.5
Elite (A)	r	177	179.5
Shemen—8%	b	108	104.5
"Taal" Plywood	b	106	106.5
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	78	77
Ellern	b	144	146
Israel Central Trade	r	173	178
Bank Hapoalim	b	243	243
Paz	b	93	92
Wolfson IL10	b	71	70
Ampa	r	104	104
Discount Bank	b	153.5	150.5
United Mizrahi	b	117	115
Bank Leumi	r	190	189
Piryon Investment	r	99	99
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	78	78
Export Bank	b	63	63
Clal Investment	r	203	203
Clal Industries	r	102	104
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L STREET Closing Monday, March 24, 1975

M.E. news drops stocks

YORK (AP). — The stock suffered one of its sharpest s of the year yesterday. The was ignited by news of the of U.S. mediation efforts Middle East.

Dow Jones average of 30 als, down more than 20 n the first half hour, showed point loss half an hour be close. Declines outnumbered s by about 9 to 1 on the rk Stock Exchange. Volume, the early selling wave, dropped off later as the market levelled off.

Analysts said the market, which had begun to show signs of weakness last week, was unsettled by the new uncertainty in the Middle East outlook with the failure of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's efforts to bring about a settlement between Egypt and Israel.

The Dow Jones finished with a *19.63 loss at 743.43. It was the* biggest drop for the closely followed average since last November 18, when it fell 22.69 points.

14 1/4	Cont Oil	43 7/8	Interpublic	13 3/4	Reyn Ind	52 3/4
20 5/8	Cont Tel	11 7/8	John Man	21 1/2	Reyn Met	18 1/4
35	Cont Data	15 1/8	John Job	88 1/4	Rockwell Int	19 1/4
27 1/2	Corning	47 1/8	Kais Alum	21	Rohm & Haas	60 3/4
9 1/8	CPC Intl	38 1/8	Kenn Cop	35	Royl D	33 1/8
37 1/4	Crown Cork	20 1/2	Koppers	46 1/2	Safeway	42 3/4
40 3/8	Crwn Zell	32 1/8	Libb O Fd	19 1/2	Schering	60
8 1/8	Curtis wri	9 3/4	Liggt My	59 5/8	Scott Pap	15 5/8
20 1/2	Dan River	5	Litton Ind	6	Seagram Co.	30
32 1/4	Deere Co	39 3/4	Lockheed	6 1/4	Sears Roe	64 7/8
24 1/2	Dow Chem	72	LTV Corp	14 7/8	Shell Oil	42
37 1/4	Dress Ind	47 1/8	Macy RH	20	Singer Co	11 1/2
5 3/4	Dupont	94 3/4	Magnovox	6 3/4	Smithkline	54 1/4
17	East Airlins	5 1/2	Mfrs Han	28 3/4	Sony	9 1/4
19 1/4	E Kodak	89 5/8	Marath	32 3/4	South Ry	46
48 1/4	Eaton	26	Marcor	20 3/8	Sperry Rnd	33 1/4
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Corridor transformed into a ward — a scene typical of many of Israel's hospitals. (Rubinger)

Curing the health service malaise

By MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

The Ben-Shahar Committee report could mark a turning point if its real significance is properly understood and the appropriate consequences result also in other fields. This significance lies not in the novelty of its proposals — most of which have been modelled upon practices applied abroad for a long time — but in its readiness to depart from the conventional approach, and to take a new look at the current state of affairs.

For years we have been told that the tax burden in this country must be discouragingly high; that the only way to increase the state revenue is to tighten the tax screw, irrespective of the adverse effects. But a few weeks ago we were again told by the Revenue Commissioner that tax evasion in Israel is relatively small, and the tax morale fairly high. Now all of this turns out to have been no more than a red herring. It turns out that the state revenue can be upped, and at the same time our GNP increased, if more attention is paid to morale, productivity, equality, and similar intangibles which have been neglected to date.

It is still too early to know whether all the hopes pinned on the tax reform will materialize. But just because the public — and the administration — are now responsive to new suggestions, the opportunity should be used to reappraise other established policies which have been producing meagre results. Many such topical issues could be easily named — not necessarily economic ones. An obvious case in point is the long overdue reform of our health service.

BREAKDOWNS

Just what is wrong in this field one cannot easily ascertain. Israel has a high level medical profession, a ramified net of clinics and hospitals, and a widespread health insurance. And yet there is a common feeling of malaise, highlighted by occasional breakdowns. Last year we had a doctors' strike. Recently a strike of nurses was averted in the nick of time by shutting two hospital wings, and it is everybody's guess for how long. Patients complain about the state of hospital service, about the waste of time for checks and paper work, and the need to pay costly extras in order to get good treatment. The inadequacy of ordinary medical care has been demonstrated by the recent decision of Knesset members to grant special rights to their family members. And most — if not all — of our health services are operating in the red, piling up costly debts.

Of course, the State is accused of being a miser, of spending too little for this vital service. The Minister of Health went on record that the nurses crisis could be avoided if only an additional IL200m. was voted for his budget. However, other experts are of contrary opinion, and claim that the present strain is largely caused by waste and inefficiency, by redundancy of some services, by excessive overheads of the several parallel health insurance networks, and by the system of costfree medicines administered to Sick Fund members. Incidentally, the introduction of a modest pay for medicines at the Maccabi Fund in 1971 resulted in a drop of prescriptions per member by over one third, without unduly inconveniencing its membership (for there has been no visible shift to other sick funds). Yet the number of prescriptions per member of the Histadrut's sick fund is still one-fifth greater than it was at the Maccabi fund four years ago.

HEALTH SPENDING

Stories also abound concerning the one shift use of costly operational theatres, and about waste — owing to neglected maintenance — of expensive medical equipment. In any case, there seems to be no *reason to put the blame of the feeling* of malaise at a too small health expenditure in this country. Statistics show that Israel's health spending, as part of our GNP, ranks close to that of Western European nations, namely between 5.5 and 6 per cent, as in France, Germany, Holland or Austria, indeed above that of Britain, though below the percentage maintained by Sweden and the U.S. (about 7 per cent of their respective GNP). Even in terms of money per capita our health spending is at least equal to that of Britain or Italy (probably higher).

It seems therefore that something is wrong with the way the money is spent, i.e. with the way our health service is organised. As a matter of fact, the issue of proper nationwide organization of health services, leading to an eventual comprehensive health insurance, has been on the agenda for decades, without achieving substantial headway. It stands to reason that the present mess stems largely from two factors which are extraneous to the health administration proper, but inevitably influence it, namely the fragmentation of our health services among several competing systems (the Ministry, the various sick funds, and the private practice), and the impact of party politics which makes membership at our largest sick fund depend on being also a member of the Histadrut.

For an outsider it is impossible to evaluate the effects of these factors, but they must be considerable, for the vested interests involved have failed all attempts to set up a joint, national health system which would put an end to the current division of authority. Though the State covers most of the sick funds' deficits, they are keeping their autonomy, and maintain different standards of services, wages, fees, etc. For a long time the Ministry of Health and the Histadrut's sick fund were virtually on non-speaking terms, pursuing their different development, investment, and training programmes. Their relations have improved of late, and a joint plan for comprehensive medical service has been launched on a limited scale for the south of the country — based upon the Beersheba University clinic. However, its success depends on the cooperation of a handfull of people, while its extension would require far-reaching organizational changes.

The time therefore seems to be ripe for a deeper look into the matter. We are moving towards expanding our National Insurance and *steamlining our state-provided welfare services.* The present state of our health service is increasingly archaic. A team of independent experts asked to investigate the state of our medicare could produce a set of recommendations no less revolutionary than those concerning taxes.

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Katan opens showroom for Italian tiles

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Moshe Katan Ltd. has opened a new showroom here for wall and floor tiles and bathroom ceramic fixtures. The new showroom, on Rehov Levontin 1, deals only with imported tile and ceramic ware from Italy.

Mr. Maurice Reyna, Katan's sales manager, told *The Jerusalem Post* that despite economic difficulties in the country, Israelis were continuing to buy imported tiles, although demand was slightly off. Prices of tiles at Katan range from IL100-400 per square metre.

A spokesman for Lux, the Italian firm whose tiles Katan is primarily handling, said that Israel ranks high among European countries as a purchaser of Italian tiles.

Amcor centre in north Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Amcor has opened a new service and sales centre on the corner of Weizmann and Pinkas in north Tel Aviv. A spokesman for the company said that the centre involved an investment of some IL2m. The showroom will display the full range of Amcor products while the service department, it was claimed, will be able to efficiently and quickly deal with repairs. The new service centre is in addition to the main service centre on Derech Petah Tikva, near the Central Bus Station.

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Unified approach and conception

THE SECOND CONCERT of the "Young Artists' Week" (Tel Aviv, Museum, March 18), featured the "Daniel String Quartet," founded last summer following the Chamber Music Seminary held at Beit Daniel at Zichron Yaakov. The quartet is without a doubt an important addition to our concert life. All four members — Ben-Zion Shamir and Misha Furman, violin, Michael Appelman, viola and Zvi Mashkovsky, cello — seem to be gifted and sensitive musicians, who regard chamber music as a highly refined and intimate musical expression. The group already possess a fine *esprit de corps,* manifesting a unified approach and conception. The four young musicians have achieved even more. Within this unified conception each one follows his own line easily and freely.

However, despite all these properties — the quartet still lacks the capability to create a striking *comprehensive* experience. This seemed evident in all three works presented: Haydn's Quartet in C major Op. 33 No. 3, Beethoven's Quartet in B flat major Op. 18 No. 6 and in Schubert, Quartet in A minor Op. 29 No. 1. Musical expression — and there was plenty of it — still did not reach, so to speak, beyond its local context. Phrases were all well formed and executed, dynamical shades and nuances sensitively graded, expressiveness constantly transformed, sonorities lovingly dealt with did not combine into a meaningful enough sequence, one which could sufficiently lift the music to the heights of real fulfilment. This will come, so we hope, with time, further hard work and development of the collective personality of the group.

A final reservation must be voiced about the programme: Of four young musicians one could have expected more daring and less conventional choices.

Outstanding musical personality

THE THIRD CONCERT of the "Young Artists' Week" presented 17-year-old pianist Yefim Bronfman. Since immigrating here in 1973 he has been studying with Arye Vardi at the Tel Aviv Academy of Music. Listening to the young artist for the first time, I must admit that his performance simply stunned me. Technically he is already well on his way to becoming a true virtuoso, but what makes his performance so unusual is his outstanding musical personality, his surprising insight into the music, the maturity of his conception. I missed the opening Prelude and Fugue in G sharp minor by Bach, but arrived in time to realize how Bronfman plunged into the passions and the drama of Beethoven's Appassionata. He attacked the monumental work with complete confidence, tremendous enthusiasm and great vigour. Listening to the last movement one could hardly sense it was the endeavour of a 17-year-old boy.

The Beethoven demonstrated that Bronfman is already capable of tackling the big forms and that his conception is broad and farsighted but he was no less successful in Schoenberg's Six Short Pieces Op. 19, in which each phrase, each chord, each tone counted. In a way I found the Schoenberg even more startling than the Beethoven. Bronfman created a surprising spectrum of shades, nuances and expressions and his tonal scale ranged from the almost inaudible pianissimo to the sharpest fortissimo. Yet, they all emerged magnificently unified, giving full expression to their disintegrating romantic spirit.

The concluding 12 Chopin Etudes were perhaps a little less impressive, although some of them did sound almost perfect. But in some of the Etudes excessive rubato a certain lack of cantabile in the melody and an occasionally very sharp forte, diminished the pleasure.

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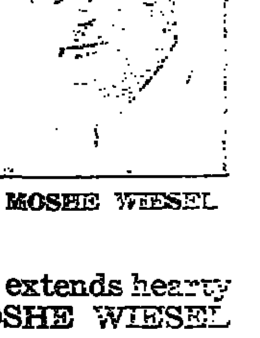

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The view from Damascus

WHILE DAMASCUS can claim hardly any credit for the failure of Dr. Henry Kissinger's latest efforts to bring about an agreement between Egypt and Israel, there is no doubt that the Syrians are very satisfied with the development. The setback suffered by the step-by-step approach which President Sadat has consistently favoured and Damascus has opposed as consistently is likely to put an end — temporarily at least — to the signs of discord and discontent within the ranks of the Ba'th party in Syria concerning President Assad's declared tactics.

Signs of friction within the Syrian Ba'th have not been lacking of late. Barely 12 hours before the breakdown of the Kissinger mission became known, reliable reports from Beirut spoke of a sharp division of views within the Ba'th concerning Assad's policies. Reports spoke of changes in party branches, of an enquiry into failure to carry out instructions sent by party headquarters, and of the emergence of dissident groups within the Ba'th. Since Syrian politics are dominated by the army, these splits were reported to have affected army ranks, and a number of officers were said to have been pensioned off for continuing to back General Salah Jedid, whom Assad ousted two years ago.

What is involved now is Syria's precise position with regard to what is known in current Arab political jargon as "the capitulation front" and the "the rejection front." In other words, whether Ba'thist Syria should or should not agree to *any* settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict that stops short of dismantling "the Zionist structure." Assad's latest pronouncements have given "the rejectors" some cause for concern.

To Israelis this may seem paradoxical. Assad has held one of the most intransigent Arab positions as far as a settlement with Israel is concerned. He regularly demands "the whole of the Golan, the whole of Sinai, and the rights of the Palestinians." In a recent address to the Congress of Syria's Student Union he said that "the return of the Golan and of Sinai will not bring about peace; peace will not be decided by Damascus nor by Cairo, but by the Palestinians" — adding ominously that what the rights of the Palestinians are the Palestinians alone should decide.

This, does not seem to satisfy the spokesmen of the "rejection front." For while asserting that only the Palestinians are entitled to define the nature and scope of their rights, Assad also referred to various UN resolutions as offering a definition of these rights. What is more, he has always demanded the resumption of the Geneva talks, whose end result must be the recognition of Israel, on *however favourable* terms to the Arabs. Finally, Assad has offered the Palestine Liberation Organization a joint military and political command with Syria, and the PLO leadership has responded with enthusiasm. For the rejection front, however, this move may look like a stratagem by which Assad is seeking to maintain control over PLO actions and then to appear in Geneva as its sponsor.

WHO ARE THE KHMERS ROUGES?

Originally a small, pro-Communist group whose leaders were French-speaking romantic revolutionaries, the Khmers Rouges insurgents now have a combat strength of over 70,000 and control almost all of Cambodia except for the capital of Phnom Penh. Yet they are still a mystery to most people. STEWART DALBY, OFNS correspondent, traces their history.

PHNOM PENH. — THEY ARE NOW almost at the gates of Phnom Penh. They have cut all but one supply line to the Cambodian capital — the airport. Their victory seems at hand.

But who *are* the Khmer rebels or insurgents? When the Cambodian war started five years ago following American-backed South Vietnamese sanctuaries in Cambodia, and the overthrow of Prince Sihanouk, the insurgents were a negligible, almost risible group. The best estimates of the strength of the insurgents in 1970 was 3,000. But even this was uncertain. It was thought then that the rebels were a motley, disorganised band of Communists and out-and-out bandits.

Today known collectively as the Khmers Rouges, the insurgents have a combat strength of over 70,000 men. They control virtually all of Cambodia except for the capital, Phnom Penh, and some isolated enclaves like Battambang, and Svey Rieng.

The rapid growth of such an army and a movement must surely be one of the most remarkable phenomena in the history of revolutionary warfare. Yet the Khmers Rouges are still largely a mystery to most people outside the Communist world.

The original Khmers Rouges were led by a number of French-educated romantic revolutionaries who were inspired by the *Maquis* in France during the Nazi occupation. They formed the nucleus of the 3,000-strong band which existed in 1970. The leaders were Communist, leaning with an allegiance or sympathy towards Moscow. The only one of the current leaders who still seems to wield any power at all in the new Khmers Rouges hierarchy is Saloth Sar, a Paris-educated Khmer who helped form the Cambodian Communist Party in 1951. He is thought to be the Secretary General of the insurgent party, which is known as FUNC (Front National Union de Kampuchea). Ieng Sary, often referred to as the grey eminence of the movement, also has a long history of revolt against the Government of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, but is thought to be the only top member of the Communist old guard who always inclined towards the Peking-Hanoi axis rather than Moscow.

In theory the head of the insurgents is Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the long-time ruler of Cambodia. He threw in his lot with the Khmers Rouges when he was ousted from power in what is thought to be an American-supported coup in March 1970. He now lives in Peking and is Head of State or *Samdech* of the GRUNC (Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia).

He was once King of Cambodia which was a French colony until 1954 — crowned at the age of 18. But he stepped down and made himself Head of State while investing the Royal titles in his father and, later, his mother. In retrospect Sihanouk must be considered to have been a good ruler of his seven million people. He kept the tiny country out of the neighbouring Vietnamese improglio by superb diplomatic skill and by allowing the North Vietnamese to use the Cambodian-Vietnamese border areas as sanctuaries.

With the removal of Sihanouk, Cambodia was sucked into a bloody war which has in many respects almost devastated it. Nearly 700,000 people have been killed on the Lon Nol side alone. One third of the population are refugees. The country has no exports, and what is left of it in the hands of Lon Nol's Government is totally dependent on American aid for its survival.

It is, however, unclear just what power and influence Prince Sihanouk now wields within the Khmers Rouges movements. He is still their diplomatic front man. But he has constantly said that he is not the real leader of the insurgent movement and that he does not expect to return to absolute power. The problem with Sihanouk is that he has made all manner of contradictory statements so it is difficult to know just where the locus of power really lies within the rebel movement.

It does seem, however, that the Sihanouk faction of the insurgents, known as the Khmer Rum Doh, has been eclipsed and real control lies with the Khmer Vietminh. These are a group of Hanoi-oriented Khmers. Many of the leaders are men who went to Hanoi after 1954 and are now in their late thirties and early forties. Mostly they speak Vietnamese rather than French.

Improbably, the man who now clearly seems to be the leader of this group and of the whole revolutionary movement is Khieu Samphan. An economics graduate from the Sorbonne in Paris, Khieu Samphan, who is now a young-looking 44, was once Minister of Commerce under Prince Sihanouk. In 1967 with two other "Young Turks" with whom Sihanouk had fallen out, Khieu Samphan fled to the countryside. Early in 1970 Sihanouk announced that the three had been executed. There was no solid evidence that they were alive until late in 1973, and this meant they came to be known as the "Ghostly Trio."

Khieu Samphan is now Deputy Prime Minister of the GRUNC, and is the undisputed in-country leader of the insurgents. The other two "ghosts" also hold positions within GRUNC. Hu Nim is Minister of Information and Hou Yuon is the Minister of Interior.

Just how much Khieu Samphan is responsible for military operations within Cambodia is not known. He is sometimes said to be Commander in Chief. Yet he spends considerable time travelling to Hanoi and Peking, the power link which probably supports him, as well as on diplomatic missions to world which will accep

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But against this, Ieng Sihanouk have said p there will be no massac who "go over" to the Much will depend on Penh falls, assuming it fall. If the Khmers Rou fighting then there cou widespread bloodshed other hand, the Americ to arrive at a controlle the takeover could be may soon find out.

POSTSCRIPTS

THE CABINET MEETING last Friday night, which continued long after the beginning of the Sabbath, was a rare but not unique phenomenon. Dr. Yosef Burg, leader of the National Religious Party and longest-serving Cabinet Minister, told *The Jerusalem Post* that there had been two precedents of Shabbat meetings during the premiership of Mr. Ben-Gurion. The rebellious ministers had supported the decision this time because it was a question of *pikuah nefesh* (saving life) but would not reveal the facts which had made it such.

Dr. Burg and his two NRP colleagues drank only soda water during the long hours of deliberations, since the coffee had been made on the Sabbath. The other ministers and senior officials refrained from smoking in deference to their Orthodox colleagues. Dr. Burg commented that he would have objected, had he been asked, to the subsequent 10 p.m. meeting on Friday night between the Israeli negotiators and Dr. Kissinger, but said that the NRP ministers had not been consulted on this point of religious protocol. *D. L.*

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NOW THAT Israel Television has become so bold as to show a film on the subject of homosexuality, we feel that we can report the contents of a circular that reached our editorial offices the other day.

It is the bulletin of the Australian Jewish Homosexual Movement which has adopted the name "Chutzpah" and has branches in Sydney, Perth and Melbourne. The members are holding a traditional Seder on the second night of Pessah. Forthcoming activities include coffee and strudel nights, record evenings, and literary and Biblical discussions.

The bulletin reports that New York's Gay Synagogue (Beth Simhat Tora) has seen its membership grow from 15 to 150 and now needs its own premises; and that London's Jewish Gay Group held a Purim party and will also have its own Seder. The newsletter also includes bibliographical material on Jews of homosexual persuasion. One of them is said to have been a close friend of Aubrey Beardsley and the other was a London-born painter, Simeon Solomon.

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AT THIS SEASON, when we remember how our forefathers were condemned to making bricks without straw, a recent BBC report sounds particularly topical.

Britain's Secretary of State for the Environment had criticised the slowness of traditional house-building methods and suggested that prefabs were the answer to the country's housing shortage.

The Brick Development Association took up the challenge. They arranged a high-speed building project to show what could be done by traditional working methods. In just ten working days — instead of the normal six months or more — a team of determined builders constructed two semi-detached brick houses. The Association's director said that if the stumbling blocks in granting planning permission and bureaucratic procedures could be overcome, any house could be built in the same short time.

Perhaps his statement applies to reinforced concrete houses as well.

READERS' LETTERS

Heartfelt thanks

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We would like to thank you and your reporter, Judy Siegel, for the article in your issue of February 9, headlined: "Every Friday since the Six Day War."

Judging from the generous response to this appeal, we must congratulate you on the wide circulation of your paper, since we received letters from many parts of the world.

We have endeavoured to acknowledge receipt of every individual donation but cannot do so in cases of anonymous contributions. Therefore, may we again use your good offices to extend our heartfelt thanks for all contributions; these will enable us to carry on our work for the benefit of the wounded soldiers at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

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Never banished

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — According to the Itim report, "Beduin girl defies elders, learns driving," which appeared in your issue of March 3, "the elders of the tribe have banished her." The truth is that Naifa, the girl in question, was never banished. Up to recently, the elders of the tribe reacted by refusing to speak to her.

According to this same report, she holds two jobs. As a matter of fact, Naifa has no job at present. She worked last summer as a sewing and home economics instructor in Tel-Sheva.

I can vouch for the truth of these statements, as I happen to be Naifa's English teacher and obtained this information at first hand.

MENAHEM GOLDBERG

Beersheba, March 6.

True nature of Al Fa

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The recent Arab terrorist attack on innocent guests at a Tel Aviv hotel reveals the true nature of Yasser Arafat's Al Fatah organization which claims to represent the Palestinian Arabs. The raid was timed to disrupt Secretary Kissinger's present peace mission. But the Palestinian people have never expressed any support for Arafat's actions against Kissinger. On the contrary, all evidence indicates Palestinian support for Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's negotiations with Kissinger to achieve Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories and restoration of Palestinian rights.

The Tel Aviv raid itself shows lack of support for Arafat from Palestinians in Israeli administered territories. Arafat has not had sufficient local support to organize such raids from these territories. Instead he trained his men in Syria and sent them to attack Tel Aviv from the sea, with instructions to escape after killing a few people in order to claim that the raid had actually originated in occupied territory and had the support of the population.

The terrorist who directed the operation asked for mercy from the Israelis after he was captured on the mother ship which brought the raiders within range of the Tel Aviv beach. He claimed that he had joined Al Fatah because of "personal problems." He came from a broken home and had been left all alone after the death of his grandfather, with whom he had lived after his parents divorced.

These and other facts show that Al Fatah is not at all a "National Liberation Movement" of heroes fighting for the rights of their people. It is rather a Mafia of organized criminals recruit delinquents to increase power. They serve the vested interests whose to sabotage Kissinger's forts.

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Rehovot, March 18.

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Herzliya, March 19.

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ISRAEL PRESS

'CAIRO TO BLAME'

HA'ARETZ (independent) says the reason the talks failed was Egypt's reluctance to end the state of belligerency — a reluctance which increased as time went on. As evidence, the paper points to the uncompromising declarations by Egyptian Foreign Minister Fahmy — declarations which are "the best possible reference for the Israeli Government." On the other hand the paper is concerned with the relations that have now evolved between Israel and the U.S. The question is, which side will Dr. Kissinger blame when he reports to President Ford. The paper stresses that the U.S. is Israel's only major political and military support and that the link with the U.S. must therefore be preserved.

DAVAR (Histadrut) says the Government must take steps to avoid a political stalemate that would only lead to initiatives by others, to avoid a situation whereby the Arabs will be pushed into even more extremist positions, and to avoid deterioration of the situation to a state of war. On the other hand the proposed resumption of the Geneva conference holds little prospect of resolving the stalemate, and any activity on the political sphere should take place outside its framework.

The paper goes on to note that the Israeli statement on the failure of the talks came three hours after the one issued in Cairo and Washington, and hopes that this sort of thing will not recur. In the near future, Israel's information services will have bigger obstacles to overcome than ever before, and had better gear themselves for the job.

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) notes that Israel's proposals involved a considerable risk to its security, but in view of the intransigent stand adopted by Egypt, it is doubtful if the talks could have been saved in any case. Egypt yielded to pressure within the Arab world and did not try hard enough to compensate Israel for giving up strategic advantages.

FOREIGN PRESS

What went wrong?

The "Washington Post" said in an editorial yesterday: "An uncertain future remains ahead" following Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's failure in his Middle East negotiations.

"What went wrong?" the paper asked. "Egypt and Israel, needless to say, blame each other. But we suspect that the truth, though all of it is not yet out at this point, is more complex, and that it tells more about the quality of perception and judgement in the Mideast than about the apportionment of virtue and villainy. Israel Prime Minister Rabin apparently went as far as his public and opposition permitted. Egyptian President Sadat, it seems, could not get out in front of his radical Arab brothers, perhaps also his generals. The omens, in brief, are not cheery.

"The fact remains that a particularly hopeful stage of diplomacy, one in which American participation offered Israel some protection from the full brunt of Arab and Soviet demands, has been suspended. An uncertain future stretches ahead. The planning and organization of a Geneva conference involve issues so complex that no quick session can be expected. Only those wishing the conference to fail will rush to it."

"The Times" of London said: "Dr. Kissinger's failure to negotiate a second-stage agreement between Egypt and Israel is not the end of everything. It is disappointing, of course, since such an agreement would have been an important step toward a general and lasting peace settlement between Israel and the Arabs.

"But for some time doubt has been brewing on all sides whether this step-by-step approach to a peace settlement could be taken much further. It is difficult to expect two antagonists to take many steps together without first some accord about where they are going."

Praise indeed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

EGYPT'S LEADING novelist, Najib Mahfuz, had some words of very high praise about a book devoted to his works written by Dr. Sasson Somekh, who teaches Arabic literature at Tel Aviv University.

In the course of an exhaustive interview with Jamal el Ghaitani, published in the Baghdad daily "Al Jumhuriyya," Mahfuz was asked by his interviewer whether he had read any works lately which deal with his novels. He replied that a friend of his, Dr. Muhammed Yusuf Najm of Cairo University, recently gave him a copy of Dr. Somekh's book, "The Changing Rhythm: A Study of Najib Mahfuz's Novels" (Leiden, E.J. Brill). "Somekh," said Mahfuz, "has written a long study which I consider to be one of the most important things written about my trilogy. In it, he dealt with everything that had been written about the work, and concluded that its essence is Man's position vis-a-vis Time.

"The truth," Mahfuz went on to say, "is that I was astonished by the erudition and the depth of (Somekh's) study. The work gives you an idea of the extent to which they (the Israelis) are interested in our conditions. Such an interest even we fail to show sometimes."

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Registration opened on February 2 and will close on March 31, 1975 (12 noon) (and not March 14, as previously announced). Those wishing to register should go to the offices of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, 118 Rehov Herzl, Beersheba.
Applicants should be in possession of a recommendation from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Old recommendations must be renewed.

Further details and a prospectus are available at the offices of the Israel Lands Administration Beersheba, 55 Rehov Ha'atzma'ut, and at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, 118 Rehov Herzl, Beersheba, during normal working hours.

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